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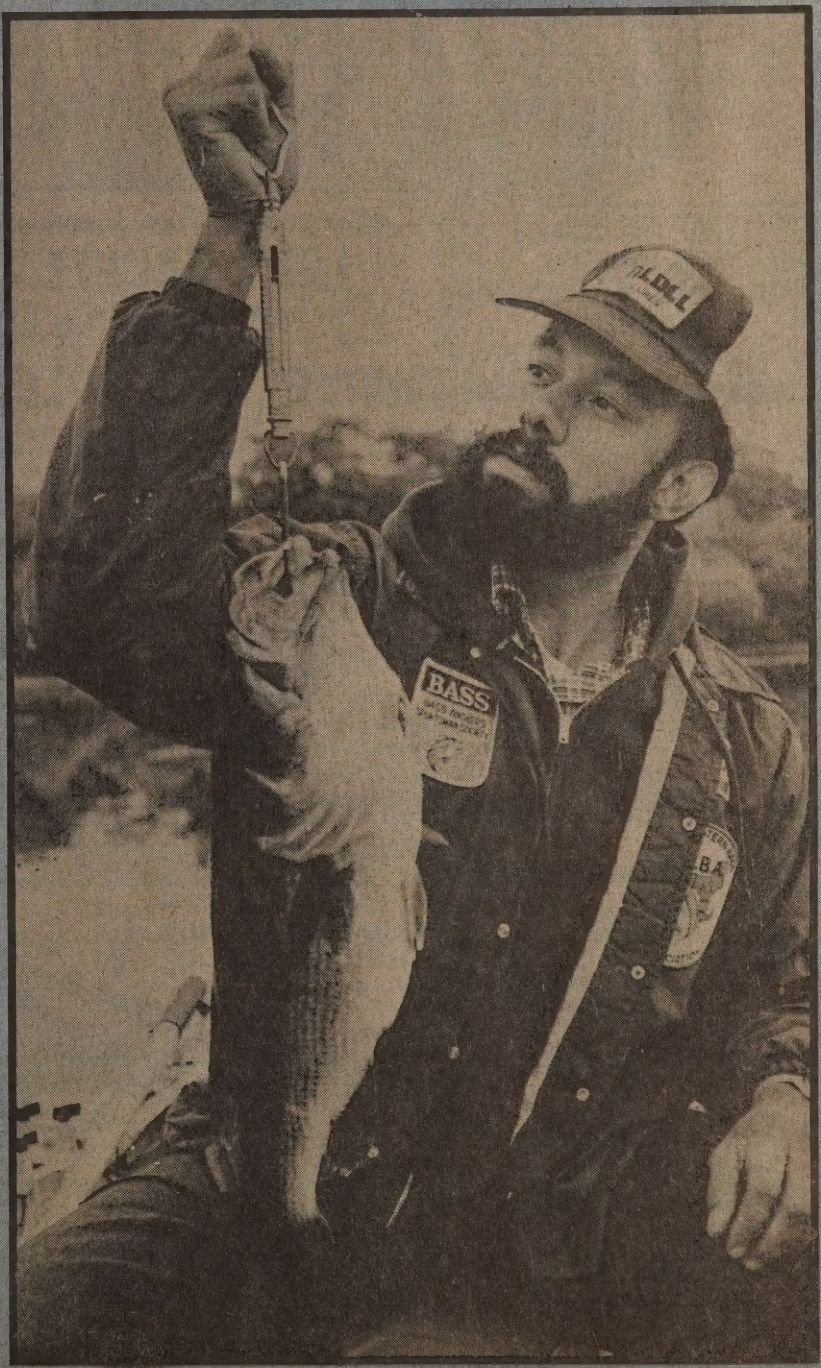

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Quicksilver is the Mercury Marine product group responsible for parts and accessories for Mariner Outboards, Mercury Outboards and MerCruiser Stern Drives.

The Laser was designed specifically for bass boat hulls. Three pitches are available for Mariner and Mercury 150 and 200 horsepower outboards. They are 21 pitch with 14-3/9 inch diameter; 23 pitch at 14-1/4 inch diameter; and 25 pitch with 14-1/8 inch diameter.

"Top speed is important, but only if the prop holds," Cummings said. "The Laser holds better at high trim-out angles than the competition, and outboards can also be raised higher on the transom," he said.

"The Laser provides solid boat handling while helping boaters go faster," said Cummings. The Laser maintains boats on plane at lower engine speeds than competitive props. At high speeds, it permits generous bow lift.

Special acceleration slots are cast in the prop. "The acceleration slots partially unload the prop (or ventilate it), momentarily increasing slip. Higher RPMs are reached quicker, allowing more horsepower at the prop," Cummings said. "Venting exhaust gases through the slots at the initial power surge produces power and greater acceleration as soon as you punch it," Cummings said. The Laser is a thru-prop exhaust design.

The Laser is designed from the same high-grade stainless steel as all Quicksilver stainless steel props. "Blade sections are fully cambered, and the excellent full-blade cup delivers high performance," said Cummings.

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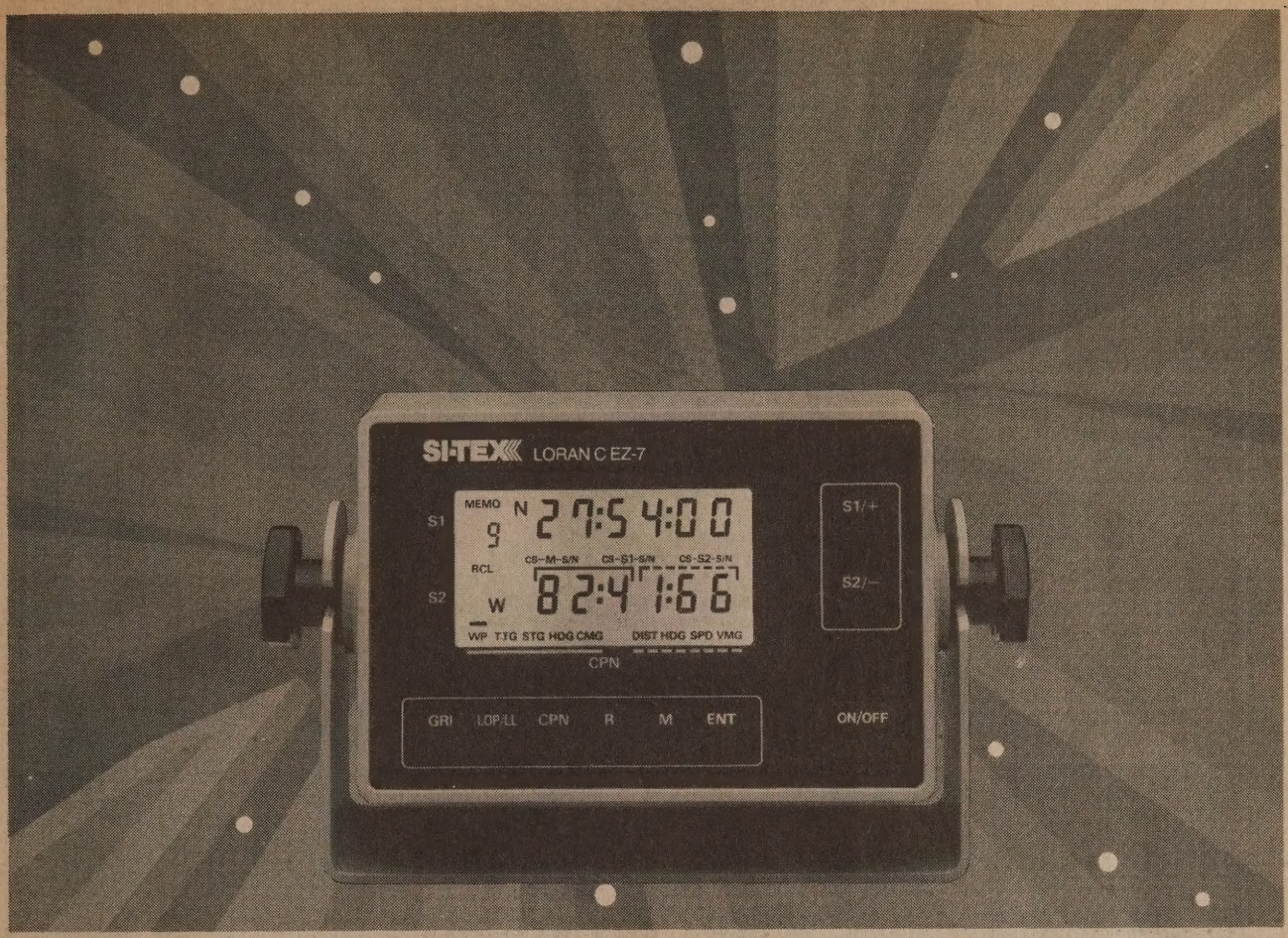

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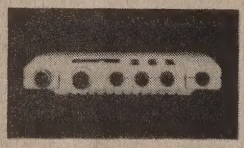

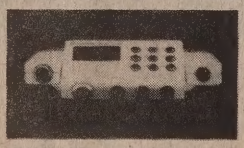

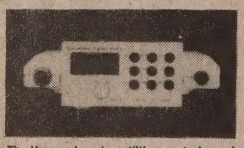

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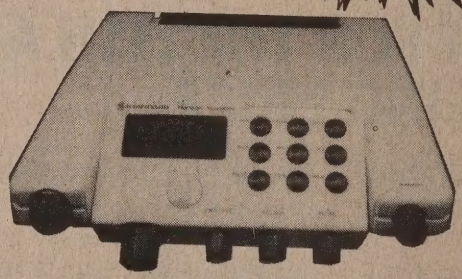

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Cummings concluded, "We feel confident the Laser will noticeably improve bass boat performance."

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The new Medalist Series Rooster Tails come in all of the regular Rooster Tail sizes, 1/24 to 1/2 ounces and are available with single or treble hooks.

The addition of the three new Medalist Series colors brings the total number of different Rooster Tail colors to 49.

KUNNAN ANNOUNCES BILLY WESTMORLAND SIGNATURE RODS

Kunnan Tackle Company, a leading manufacturer of high quality fishing rods, has announced its affiliation with Billy Westmorland, champion tournament angler. A new series of Kunnan graphite rods will bear Westmorland's signature. The tackle company is an arm of Kunnan Enterprises, one of the world's largest manufacturers of premium quality sporting equipment.

Billy Westmorland, known for his widely publicized fishing seminars, is the author of "Largemouth and Tournaments—Good or Bad" and "Smallmouth Bass." He is also currently hosting his own television show, which is sponsored by Kunnan Tackle Company.

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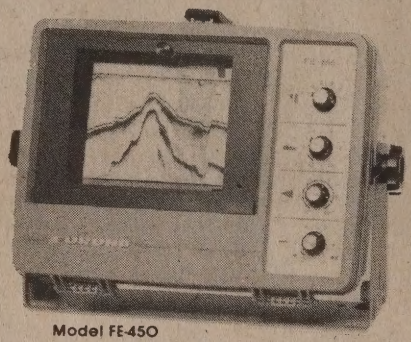

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COMPLETE ANGLER HAS CHOICE OF LINE VISIBILITY

When it comes to selecting fishing line, more and more fishermen now feel that pound test is not the only consideration.

According to the DuPont Company, makers of top-selling "Stren" monofilament line, visibility is becoming an increasingly important factor in choosing a line.

Although there have been no conclusive studies on the effects of line color on fish, most fishermen agree that some lines work better than others for certain fishing situations. For example, a high contrast line is helpful where visibility can be poor such as surf fishing, whereas a low contrast line might be used in clear mountain streams where visibility is excellent.

Fishermen also agree that if you have a choice of pound test ratings and visibilities on hand, there aren't too many fishing situations you can't handle.

If you're one of the many avid anglers who do more than one type of fishing each year, you should know that the DuPont Company offers its tough "Stren" brand in a wide range of pound tests and three different visibilities: Clear/Blue Fluorescent, Golden and new Clear.

Clear/Blue Fluorescent "Stren" can best be described as an all-purpose, standard visibility line. It was the country's first premium monofilament line when introduced in 1958 and sales increased dramatically when fluorescence was added in 1962.

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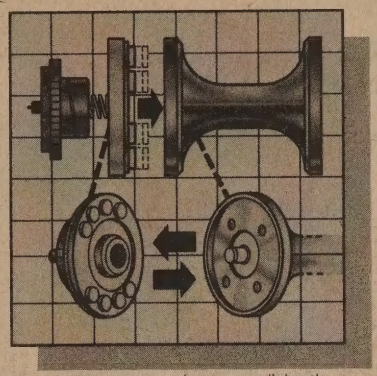

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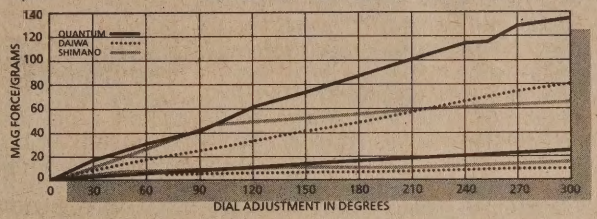

The more range of magnetic control a reel has, the more cast control it gives you. Notice how Quantum delivers nearly double the range of competitive reels.

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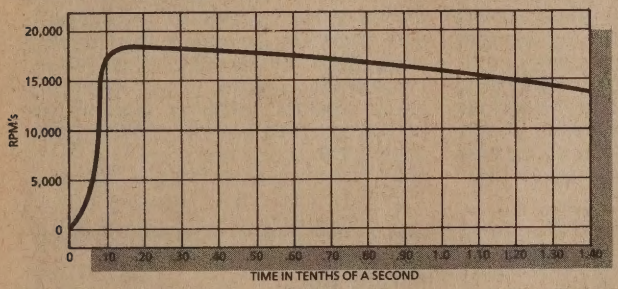

0 to 19,000 RPM in .15 sec. Acceleration and deceleration of a cast with a Quantum baitcasting reel.

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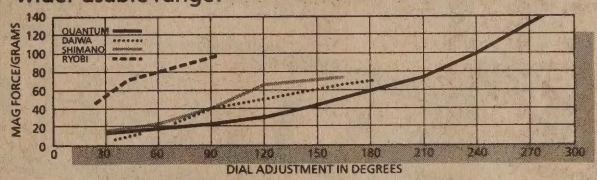
Most mag systems reach a point where one click can literally make the difference between too little and way too much. So the last step in making mag casting control was the design of a cam system that moves the magnets in shorter increments as they get closer to the spool. The result: no jump in magnetic force. Just a steady, even build-up and a wider usable range.



This graph shows the build-up of magnetic force from low to high settings. Notice Quantum's gradual, even increase in magnetic control

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Smallmouth, Inc., a fishing-conservation organization located in Edgefield, South Carolina, has announced the availability of *Smallmouth*, the nation's first smallmouth bass publication.

The monthly newsletter was developed for the smallmouth purist and covers all aspects of stream, river and lake fishing in the United States and Canada.

It was developed by conservationist Tom Rodgers and noted smallmouth expert Billy Westmorland of Celina, Tennessee. Regular columnists include Westmorland, Tom Zenanko and selected writers from Maine and Canada.

According to Rodgers, "This newsletter offers fishing enthusiasts the most direct contact with the past, present and future aspects of smallmouth bass angling. It has been designed to help the fisherman catch and enjoy the smallmouth bass, with emphasis placed upon the catch and release philosophy and major conservation issues affecting the fishery."

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Fly rod bass fishing is certainly not new. American anglers were catching largemouth and smallmouth bass on gaudy wet flies over 100 years ago. After World War II, however, spin fishing eclipsed fly rodding for bass, and it has only been in recent years that the long rod has enjoyed a renaissance amongst the lily pads and deadfalls. The increased interest in bass fishing with conventional tackle has sparked a parallel interest in fly rodding, because fly fishing is definitely the most exciting way to catch bass—the subtle pick-up of a plastic worm can hardly compare to a largemouth smashing a bass bug in the early morning mist.

Orvis has designed a new graphite rod especially for the fly rod bass fisherman, called the "Western Bass," because Orvis' Western Series action is the perfect taper for throwing big, wind resistant bass flies with a minimum of effort and false casting. With the versatile 8 weight line, perfect for casting all types of bass and panfish flies with ease, the 8' 9" graphite rod is light, yet powerful at only 3½ ounces.

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During Orvis' year of field testing the new rod, among its own staff members and fishing guides throughout the country, the rod was such a wonderful casting tool that it proved itself to be just as good on steelhead, with big trout streamers and nymphs and on the bonefish flats that Orvis is also offering the rod with a full-metal reel seat and two ceramic guides on the butt section (for use with heavier saltwater, salmon and steelhead reels) as well as the standard reversed locking walnut reel seat. Both rods feature a comfortable full-wells cork grip, which really feels good when pounding out long casts all day long.

The walnut reel seat version, at 3½ oz., is $237 (catalog number 9591-5100); the rod with a full metal reel seat at 3-7/8 oz., is $265 (catalog number 9591-5157). For further information, contact Tom Rosenbauer, The Orvis Company, Inc., 10B River Road, Manchester, VT 05254; 1-802-362-3622.

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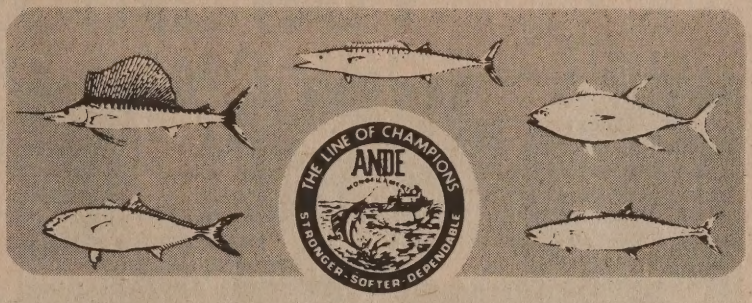

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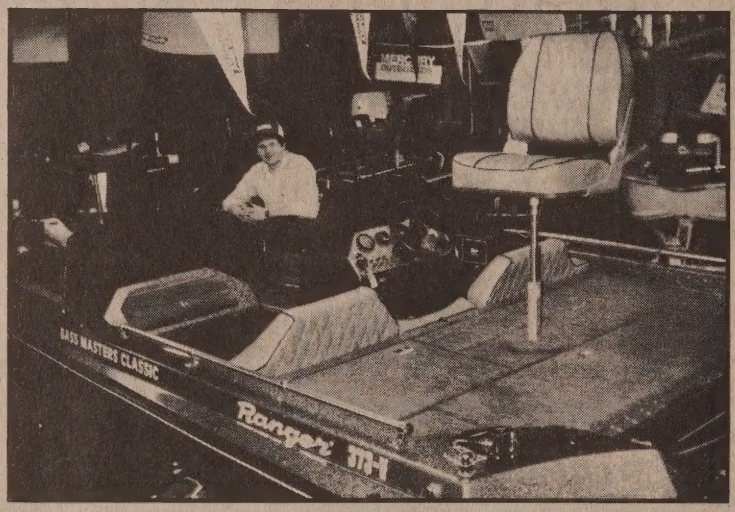

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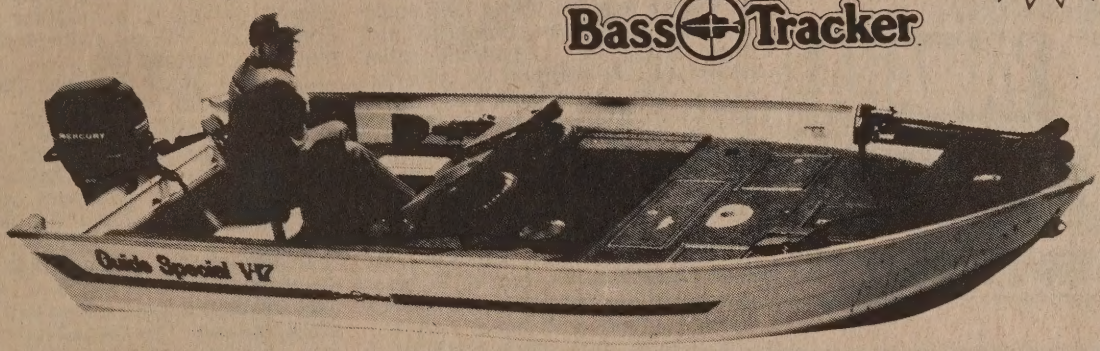

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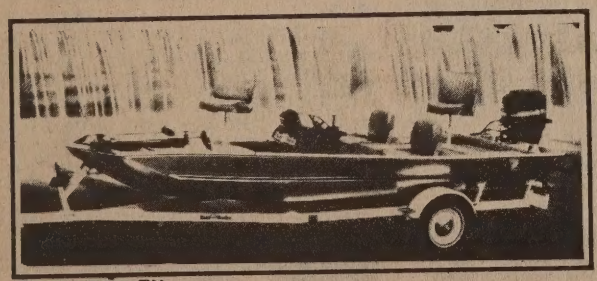

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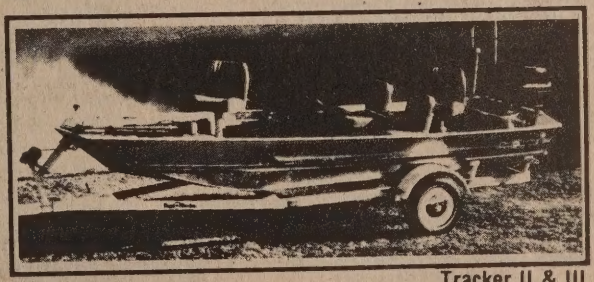

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MARINE CONCEPTS TACKLE LOCKERS

by Pete Barrett

Finding storage room on boats is often a problem. Sure, manufacturers go to remarkable lengths to build in storage space, but that space doesn't always fit the shape of things like tackle boxes, umbrella rigs, gimbal belts, flying gaff heads, downriggers, tuna lures (especially the new squid spreader rigs), small coolers for lunches and about a hundred other things we take along. A lot of fishermen also like to have the flexibility of designing their own tackle storage system.

I found one approach to a tackle storage system at last winter's New York Boat Show, when I met Chelso Arrigoni from Marine Concepts Inc. His display featured a beautiful fight chair and custom tackle lockers: some with padded seats and sliding drawers, others with flip-up lids and lots of wide open space. I stuffed a catalog into my bag and spent the next several weeks daydreaming about how I could lay out the deck space to accommodate the lockers.

With tape measure and graph paper, I measured the deck space and then cut out cardboard silhouettes to lay on the deck that matched the size of the MCI lockers. It didn't take long to come up with a nice layout that did not take away any fishing room, yet at the same time, added seating, storage and fishability to my 29 Topaz.

I purchased three cabinets from Marine Concepts: a box type seat with a hinged lid called an Igloo Bench Locker was mounted on the starboard side behind the helm chair; a vertical Seat Locker with a padded top seat and 6 sliding drawers as the companion seat on the port side, and directly behind it, a modified Igloo Bench Seat with an extra compartment and 2 hinged lids.

The Igloo Bench Seat was originally designed to hold a 48 qt. Igloo cooler. It is also large enough to hold a couple of duffle bags, camera bags, lunch coolers or extra gear from visiting fishermen. Outfitted with a padded cushion on top, it doubles as a seat.

The Bench Seat was modified from the standard Igloo Bench Seat. I had a second compartment added to the aft end of the seat. This hinged top opens into a square compartment that is used to store pliers, knives, shark rigs, gimbal belts, shoulder harness, flying gaff head and billy club. The forward part is used to store Plano Magnum tackle boxes. They are laid sideways into the locker and each end is labeled with the type of lures the box contains.

The third cabinet is a vertical locker with 6 sliding drawers and a cushioned seat as a top. As a companion seat it is the right height for comfort while cruising. I left the side arms off so anyone sitting in this seat could "leap" from the chair to grab a rod

without having anything in the way.

The drawers slide easily and have removable dividers that create drawers with three, two or one large section, depending on how many dividers are used. A hinged door protects the drawers from salt spray or from opening while under way in a heaving boat and makes the cabinet lockable.

The lockers are built on a base of marine grade plywood panels, screwed and epoxied into place. The outside surfaces are finished in formica, either pure white or egg shell white, and are edged with nicely finished teak trim.

Hardware is the best. Hinges are stainless steel, piano type and lock hasps are high quality, chrome finished components.

All inside surfaces are finished in either black or dark brown paint that holds up well to scuffs from tackle, terminal gear and rubbing from cooler bottoms, gaff heads, etc. The underside of the hinged lids are finished in a glossy Urethane type finish.

All carpentry is neat with clean edges and perfect fit of all sections. These are top quality cabinets, obviously constructed by hand and with a lot of attention to detail by skilled professionals. The Marine Concepts lockers are able to withstand comparison against any custom cabinets—even those at higher prices.

How rugged are they? I admit to being skeptical of the vertical Mako locker when I first installed it. It looked like it would flex and eventually loosen. It hasn't and it won't. Despite more than one heavyweight 250 pounder sitting in it for hours while running to the canyons, other times with two anglers sitting in the seat, it hasn't shown any sign of weakening: it is rugged.

Cleaning is simple with cleaners like 'Spray Nine" to remove scuffs from black-soled sneakers (there's always someone in the group who doesn't wear boat shoes). A light coat of teak oil on the trim keeps the cabinets looking like new.

I added rod holders to the aft side of both bench seats to gain additional rod storage. Three jigging reels can be held on each side or two larger reels like 80s or 50Ws.

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

Help! I need you to help me make up my mind. In today's high tech world, just about everybody makes a chart recorder and either an LCR or similar models that do not use graph paper. I am very much interested in purchasing something other than a graph recorder for bass fishing. I need to find a recorder that will help clarify dropoffs, structure, fish, etc., etc.

So far the only two models I like are the Humminbird LCR 4000 and the Ray Jeff Telescan 1000. Can you tell me which is the best, or better yet, tell me of a unit that's better than these two?

Ron Stafford.

Dear Ron,

What you ask is near impossible. No one in their right mind is going to say brand X is superior to brand Y without having at least used both products. I have used the Humminbird LCR 4000 and find it performs as promised by the manufacturer. But, I have not tried the Ray Jeff, so can make no accurate evaluation of the unit. Lowrance now has a LCR unit on the market and several other companies are marketing similar units or have them in the planning stage. Each touts its product as being the best.

You will indeed save money on graph paper with the LCRs. And, from what I've seen, they are very accurate and totally reliable when used in fresh or salt water environs. However, as with everything in life, you must give up something to gain in another area.

With the LCR units you do not have a permanent record of the area you are charting. The images dance across the screen and then pass on into oblivion forever. With a paper unit you do have a graph of the bottom you are working and can save it for future reference if needed. This feature alone makes using a chart recorder advantageous. But, you will spend money on paper and the original cash outlay for a chart recorder is much greater than when purchasing an LCR.

Most electronics firms have splendid quality control departments and every company is manufacturing similar LCRs, so each should perform properly. Extra features such as the Zoom, reversal of screen image and adjustable depth readings are standard on some of the higher priced units (the Humminbird LCR 4000 is one), but are not available on the less expensive LCRs. Those are features you may want to consider since you will be fishing lakes where depth is variable and an accurate bottom reading is essential to your fishing success.

I would visit several electronics outlets and check out each individual unit before settling on one specific model. By seeing each, and knowing exactly how it will perform under actual fishing situations you can then purchase the one that best fits your needs.

If this answer seems evasive, it is because I am circling the fort before storming the gates. I might suggest a unit that does not suit your specific needs and at some later date you, minus a few hundred bucks, could come looking for me with a baseball bat in hand.

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Dear Doc,

"Extra Strong," "Stronger than Brand X." Each manufacturer's line is stronger than the competition's. I am perplexed. If I catch a fish on line marked 20 pound test and submit it for an IGFA record and the line actually tests to have a breaking strength of 25 or 30 pounds, I assume the entry would be voided.

Are these lines that claim to be stronger sold as 20 pound line, for example, when they should be marked 25, 30 or 35 or whatever they actually break when tested?

Confused: Don Auld.

Dear Don,

You are correct in assuming that your catch would be disqualified if the line exceeded the pound test for which you applied. All line manufacturers produce monofilaments that will not break at less than the stated pound test. If a line is rated at 15 pound test on the box you can bet it is above that break point.

A lot of records have been lost when the line exceeded the minimum break strength when tested by IGFA; and some very unhappy fishermen can attest to this fact of life.

You can purchase Tournament grade line that will not break at a point above the rated pound test. This means a six pound test line will break at or below six pounds of pressure (when tested wet) and a 20 pound test

line will not break at any point above 20 pounds of pressure.

If you are fishing specifically for the records, I suggest you use only tournament grade line so your catches are not disqualified because of the line. It will cost you a little more to use the tournament grade lines, but if you hope to establish records it is the only way to go.

Some companies now mark their line boxes with the actual break strength of their lines. Berkley, for example, has a guide in table form on their World Record Trilene which shows the point at which a line will break and since they offer a $1,000 prize for every world record catch taken on Trilene, I must assume that guide is correct.

* * *

Dear Doc,

I've got problems with my chart recorder. When I first installed the unit on my boat this spring, I had good surface readings, but as the season wears along the readings are getting worse and worse. Right now, there's a thick band of surface clutter on the recorder paper and even when adjusting the S.S.C. feature I can't clear the clutter enough to get a near surface reading with the machine. I've tried everything suggested in the owner's manual and nothing has worked. I am about to Deep Six the unit, which makes me mad because it cost more than $500 this past winter.

Ed Stoltz.

Dear Ed,

Attempting to resolve a transducer problem by long distance can be foolish. Even an experienced electronics technican would not give a pat answer, but may offer a couple of possible solutions.

For openers, I imagine you keep your boat moored and that could be part of the problem. Generally, transducers will gather a build-up of grass when left in saltwater for any extended period of time. That will impair the transducer's abilty to give a clear surface reading. You might try cleaning the transducer, for it could be the culprit.

The S.C.C. feature will usually remove much of the surface clutter, but will also cut down on the sensitivity to some degree. Fish, or bait, that show with the unit working at full power will definitely be lost when you engage the S.C.C. feature. But often it's to your benefit to lose the clutter so you can see schools of baitfish or game fish that are feeding near the upper strata. You must be the judge of this.

If cleaning the transducer doesn't resolve the problem, you should return the unit to the nearest service center (these are listed in the owner's manual) for repair or replacement. Your unit is less than one-year-old and should be fully covered by the manufacturer's warranty. If not, I'd do some screaming. At $500 you should get a unit that works efficiently.

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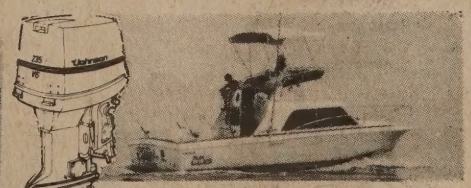

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The last thing Captain H. Thomassen, skipper of the schooner Isabel B. Wiley, and his crew of seven Swedes, Finns and Danes expected after shipping out of Newport News, Virginia, was to spend an unscheduled "vacation" aboard the German U-boat that would send their ship to the bottom, 60 miles east of the Jersey Coast. But that's precisely what did happen, as the complement of the Wiley joined the crews of the Hauppauge, Edna and Hattie Dunn as guests of the German Imperial Navy for 8 days and nights as the grey wolf roamed the shipping lanes, searching for additional victories.

It was after the steamship Winneconne was overtaken and sunk by the same sub, that the 60 detainees of these aforementioned vessels were put on the lifeboats of this most recent victim and set adrift towards the more hospitable Jersey shore. Most of the survivors were rescued by the Ward Line steamship Mexico and a few others were picked up by the coastwise vessel, San Saba, who was to meet her untimely end via a TNT surprise welcome by another U-boat only a few months later.

When Captain Thomassen of the Wiley arrived in New York with his crew on one of the rescue ships, he described the last hours of the Wiley. According to his report which appeared in the New York Times, he said that it was 8AM Sunday morning, June 2, 1918, when he first sighted a submarine trailing him astern. He took her for an American undersea craft, apparently on maneuvers, and did not feel alarmed. As the U-boat closed the distance between them and approached his vessel, he saw through his glass that it flew the German black and white Naval ensign. Just then, the U-boat fired a shot from one of her deck guns at the Wiley which ricocheted over the water, missing the schooner. At this point, Captain Thomassen said he called all hands on deck and had the motor yawl get ready to abandon ship and they got in and pulled away. A boarding party from the German sub consisting of an officer and four men then went on board the Wiley to place bombs on each side of her hull to blow her up. The subsequent explosion accomplished this end very effectively and the Wiley sunk rapidly beneath the waves in 37 fathoms of water.

The crew of the Wiley then went on to describe what life was like on a German U-boat. They said that the crew of the sub, about 76, ranged in age from 22 to 45 years old, with the commander being about 38 years old. They were all confident that they were going to win the war (World War I) and that nothing America could do with the Allies would stop them. Indeed, even as they were leaving their prison to take to the boats, the U-boat's skipper boldly proclaimed, "...you can tell the American Navy that we shall not remain here any longer, as we have accomplished what we were ordered to do. When we come again, probably in July, it will be as a combined force of submarines and airplanes. Then, look out."

In their conversations with the German crew during their imprisonment, the Germans told them that they were glad to be aboard a submarine, instead of a battleship, cruiser or other surface vessel. As submariners, they had better pay, better food and quarters, and the dis-

THE ISABEL B. WILEY
Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: June 2, 1918
Length: 160 feet
Beam: Unknown
Weight: 779 tons
Hull Construction: Wood
Depth of Water: 222 feet
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Beach Haven Inlet	59.0	123°	303°
Barnegat Inlet	58.0	140°	320°
Manasquan Inlet	70.0	155°	335°
Shark River Inlet	74.2	158°	338°
Sandy Hook	88.8	165°	345°
Rockaway Inlet	91.5	167°	347°
Debs Inlet	89.5	173°	353°
Jones Inlet	87.5	179°	359°
Fire Island Inlet	87.7	186°	006°

ciline was not so strict. The men stood at attention when the commander spoke to them, but being under a continuous strain all the time, there was more equality than the usual Naval regulations permitted. They were allowed to wear beards and the uniform dress code was loosely interpreted.

The Germans were very proud of their craft, and claimed she could make 18 knots on the surface and 11 while submerged. One of the Wiley's crew observed that the sub never went more than 12 knots while skimming the water's surface and about 8 knots submerged, judging both speeds by the engine's revolutions. It was presumed that the commander was conserving his fuel supply, so as to extend his effective fighting time in the Jersey coastal waters, and had a long way to go to return to the sub-pens located in Kiel, Germany. The machinery below decks was kept in perfect order and worked without noise or vibration. There was plenty of fresh air and light in all parts of the submarine, and the American prisoners did not take up much space aboard. They felt there was ample room for up to 100 prisoners comfortably.

During the time the crew of the Wiley were on board, the Germans tried to tell of their experiences to the American sailors in the best English they could command. They said that they all had relatives in the United States, and many hoped to come and live here after the hostilities. However, war was war, and that would have to wait until the conclusion of the conflict at hand.

Before the prisoners from the sunken merchant marine vessels were sent on their way in the lifeboats of the Winneconne, the German sub's commander gave the American sailors an illustrated newspaper from Berlin, on which he wrote, "Souvenir from a German submarine, June 2, 1918." Another of the detained merchant crew got a brass button from one of the junior officers on the U-boat, and the commander gave another sailor five German Marks. Before the lifeboats were set adrift, they were given sufficient bread and water to last for three days. When questioned back on shore after their rescue, all the officers and men who were kept prisoners on the U-boat said that they had been given plenty of liberty and also had enough to eat, even though the quality of the food left something to be desired. To the credit of their German captors, the crews of the American cargo vessels were given the same food as that dispensed to the German crew: a diet of petrified black bread, salt pork and coffee.

The strategic purpose of the German Navy's concentrated attack on coastwise shipping during the June 2nd period seemed pretty clear to the military analysts at the time. According to the consensus of opinion, the Germans' aim was to frighten the American people into the belief that the coast was in danger, so that coastal shipping would be forced to cease, and thus inspire the fear of coast bombardments and aerial raids over New York and other cities which bordered the Atlantic shoreline. It was not believed that the use of German U-boats on this side of the Atlantic was intended as a direct blow to our Armed Forces who were involved in the First Global Conflict. The position generally held in military and Naval circles was that the raid was intended, if possible, to force the American Navy Department to withdraw American warships from the Naval war zone and from European waters for the purpose of weakening the convoy system and Naval patrol procedures in the war zones, and thus enable the Germans, who had more U-boats in the European theater than could possibly be sent across the Atlantic, to operate more effectively in home waters against the Allied efforts.

From a fishing perspective, the Wiley's position in 37 fathoms of water is the only structure in the general vicinity, except for a 34 fathom ridge which rests a few miles to the west. This would seem to be an optimum area to establish some trolling patterns for either yellowfin or bluefin tuna and/or white marlin, since the fathom curves that run north through this area border both the wreck of the Wiley and the 34 fathom ridge. You might also want to try to drift this area for large mako or tiger sharks, especially on a westerly or southwesterly wind which would carry you over the largest area of productive structure. You could try anchoring over the wreck for groundfish or to generate a concentrated chum slick in a confined location, but be wary of this approach. The Wiley was a wooden schooner, and a small one at that. Her old bones will not send back the intense echo signal that a steel-hulled vessel will return to your graph recorder, so you may have some trouble locating her exact whereabouts if this is your ultimate quest. A safer bet would be to either drift through or troll over the area around the wreck and keep your graph machine on. If you go over the wreck and mark it, all well and good, and you will have the option to anchor over it in your future arsenal. If you are bent on anchoring over a deep water wreck, there are plenty of known commodities further inshore that will prove to be a lot easier to find.

Well, that about sums it up for the first wreck series. Be sure to stay tuned for an update/wrap-up which will appear in next week's column. In it, we're going to fine-tune some of the Loran coordinates that have been forwarded to you in this series, and we're also going to bring you up to speed on what piscatorial bounties some of the wrecks have produced so far this season, so you won't want to miss it!

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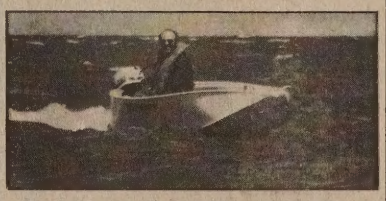

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LEOPARD OF THE LAKE

by Matt Ahern

The toothsome pickerel is always ready to pinch hit when Mr. Bass goes sulking.

When Mother Nature considered it necessary to prevent her prolific finny creatures from suffering the miseries of over-population, certainly halfway measures weren't employed. Witness the ravenous bluefish of our coastal waters as they slash, tear, and rip through densely-packed schools of forage. Unknowingly, the bluefish helps to prevent a finely-tuned balance.

In freshwater, the counterpart to this merciless killer can be found in the pikes. While the bluefish family is believed to consist of but one member, the pike clan has three: the eastern chain pickerel, the northern, and that much sought-after heavyweight, the muskie. (There are two lesser pickerel, the grass and red fin, but these rarely reach 12 inches in length; seldom caught by fishermen, they are of little interest here.)

The northern pike and muskie are not readily available to the average freshwater fisherman, but chain pickerel are common in most ponds, lakes, and streams throughout the northeast, being particularly abundant in Rhode Island, Connecticut, southern New York State, Long Island and New Jersey.

The pickerel's existence is primarily to ride herd on the many prolific panfish inhabiting his watery world. He does his job extremely well, else it is certain those waters would quickly contain stunted, sickly fish.

The name "leopard of the lake" is no misnomer. The fish's elongated body and chain-like markings are ideally suited for the life it leads. Perfectly camouflaged, the pickerel lies motionless in the weed beds and lily pads, its wicked, pointed snout facing out toward deeper water. And there he waits for some luckless, unwary prey to swim by.

One lightning-like dash and the startled victim is seized in vise-hard jaws, skewered by rows of needle-sharp, recurving teeth, and it's all over in a twinkling. Back goes old chainsides to his hideout, primed to repeat the performance minutes later.

Pickerel offer fishermen excellent opportunities to use ultra-light spinning gear. A rod 5½ to 6 feet long is ideal, and if a small matching spinning reel filled with 4 pound test monofilament line is used, pickerel offer tops in sport. Should a fisherman enjoy casting light lures, this

tackle will enable him to get plenty of distance—even into the wind.

If trolling appeals to you, as it does me, the rod should be slightly heavier because of tip strain caused by the moving boat. The reel can be the same as for casting. The light 4 pound test line, however, will make it necessary to adjust the drag. If the adjustment is not light enough, lost fish will be the result.

Pickerel can't resist that murderous appetite. It controls their every move. There is nothing which will fit into that cavernous mouth that is not considered edible. All of which makes it easy to select lures and bait.

There is only one thing of importance fishermen need remember: pickerel are always found in the shallow areas of lakes and ponds, especially near weed beds and lily pads, as mentioned, and in water from two to ten feet—you will find few, if any, in deep, weed-free bottoms.

Live bait, from frogs to small fish, and any activated lure—from spinner blades to plugs—will take pickerel. Whatever invades chainsides' sanctuary is considered fair game. If it has action, that's all that is required.

Occasionally, for reasons best known to the fish itself, a pickerel will go off its feeding habits. In the morning, for instance, pickerel may hit everything in the tackle box, and in the evening be so inconspicuous fishermen will doubt there are pickerel left in the lake.

Old chainsides is there, all right; have no fear. It is the smart fisherman with the properly presented lure who will entice our friend into giving up its self-imposed hunger strike. This is the opportunity for anglers with artificial lures, those which impart plenty of action, to cast or troll past those weed beds and lily pads.

A good lure for this finicky fishing is a medium sized Dardevle in either green and white, or red and white. My preference leans toward the green and white. This particular lure has always given me excellent results. The fisherman should experiment with his chosen lure. He should learn the slowest trolling speeds required to bring out the action, then work it slowly along the weed beds. The pickerel can't resist that tantalizing action, and you, as that experimenting fisherman, will be rewarded with a smashing strike.

Should you chance upon a sunken log, you may be certain to find a pickerel in hiding. They love those shadowy places and are reluctant to seek change. If you hook one from such a locality and lose him, he's sure to return to his familiar home, there to mull the error of his ways. His memory is short-lived, however, and if given several hours rest, or overnight, which is better, it's practically guaranteed he'll take you on once more.

Some fishermen like to row or drift along as they cast into the weed beds and lily pads, but they would do better by casting **parallel** to these places. As mentioned before, pickerel face into the deepest water of the lake or pond and by casting parallel the lure or bait is presented just where the fish expects to find it.

An impressive stringer of chain pickerel made this "gent's" day.

Lures don't have to be within inches of a lurking pickerel. Our friend will strike at any distance off bottom and many times a lure is seized the instant it hits the surface. As for trolled lures, a foot above bottom is best because they will then gather fewer weeds. Needless to say, pickerel will not strike a lure festooned with debris.

Lures cast from a boat often present a challenge. Many times pickerel will follow a lure right to the boat as it is being retrieved, look the fisherman in the eye, so to speak and then turn away with a disdainful flick of its tail. As you can imagine, this can be extremely exasperating. By accident I found a sure way to cure these educated pickerel of this—most times.

One day on a pretty Putnam County lake, I was having more than the usual amount of follow-ups. On the retrieve of one particular cast, I could see a good-sized pickerel cruising about six inches behind the lure. Enough was enough.

I let out a heart-felt "Damn!" and savagely yanked the lure with a snap of the rod tip. That pickerel came boiling out of the water, mouth agape

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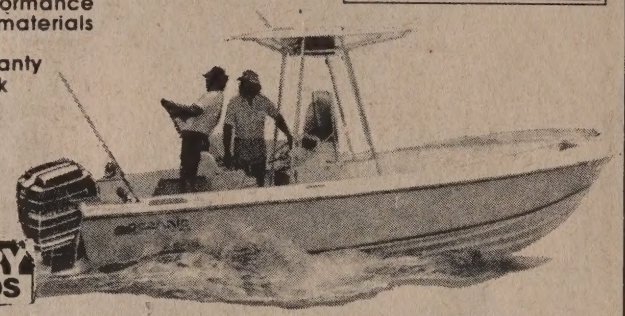

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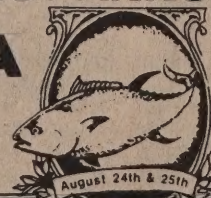

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and gills flared! I missed that fish, of course, but it was worth it. I discovered that by using a faster than normal retrieve whenever our friend was in a watchful mood, I managed to hook a good percentage.

I've caught many pickerel by casting, but I've taken a lot more by trolling. This, to me, is sport personified, especially so when live bait is used.

For this method, I don't believe anything in the bait department is better than live minnows, or saltwater killies. These are best used as when fluke fishing: the hook is placed carefully in the mouth and out the gill cover. Use a long-shanked hook for this—remember those rows upon rows of strong, needle-sharp teeth. My choice is a 1/0 Carlisle hook for all my pickerel trolling. It is light enough so as not to injure the bait, yet strong enough to hold any pickerel you may hook.

Troll slowly along the outside edges of weed beds and the instant a pick-up is felt, stop the boat's power and release the reel's bail. To strike now means a lost fish. Let the pickerel move off with the bait, allowing time for the fish to turn it around, head first, which is always done before swallowing.

When the line ceases to move, slowly count to three, snap the bail into place, and come back on the fish with a firm strike. You'll not only have hooked your fish, but you will immediately discover why the pickerel is a game fish. Most of its fight is dogged, filled with quick, powerful runs. Occasionally one will leap from the water.

Old chainsides will fight right to boatside, and when he spots the net you should be using the fight will commence all over again. Be prepared to give line on the instant. This is where a finely-adjusted drag will pay off. Until it is safely boated, no pickerel is yours.

Another method to take pickerel is called "spattering," and is used mostly by shore fishermen. Spattering isn't seen much today, but it was the way to go for many fishermen before the advent of light, sporty spinning tackle. It still produces plenty of action for its advocates.

To take pickerel this way, a long, fairly stiff bamboo pole is necessary in order to reach the open spots of close-to-shore lily pads. These wide, floating pads were often called "spatter-dock" in the days of yore; hence, the name.

To the pole was tied a heavy line, but today's soft-braided nylon of about 18 pound test will be found excellent. Tied on the end is a plain, unsnelled 2/0 Kirby or Carlisle hook.

The best bait is the belly of a sunfish, cut so that the ventral and pectoral fins are left intact. The hook is inserted once at the widest part and left exposed. The bait is then swung out over the open areas of the lily beds and dragged through from one open area to another with a skittering

action.

The pickerel will seize the bait in a rush, whereupon it is snaked out with one continuous lift of the rod. Truthfully, there isn't much fight involved unless you hook a five pounder, but it does produce fish.

These open areas in the lily beds are often inaccessible to boat fishermen, but by using this method from shore, land-bound anglers can get right into the home grounds of many lunkers.

Another method is still-fishing from a boat. This can be loads of fun on those lazy, warm summer days.

The best bait is a good sized lively minnow or killie, although any of the smaller panfish will do. Stay with the long-shanked hook, but this time instead of running it through the mouth and out the gill cover, carefully pass it under the dorsal fin, being sure not to nick the backbone. To nick that fragile backbone is to ensure a dead bait, and dead bait produces few pickerel.

Place a plastic bobber about three feet up from the hook. Cast to your chosen spot and wait. You probably won't have too long to gaze about you, for if you've chosen your spot well, your bobber will go under with a rush.

Hook the fish immediately (don't wait for a "run-off"), and be prepared for the possibility of lost fish when fishing close to obstructions and lily pad roots. Should this happen, don't despair. There are plenty more. Just move away and try another spot. If you return several hours later, the chances are excellent that the fish you lost will have forgotten all about its close call.

Long Island offers the fisherman many opportunities to try his hand at pickerel fishing. Lake Ronkonkoma contains its share of good sized fish. So does the Peconic River system. Incidentally, when fishing any river with fast currents, look for large pools off the river proper. There's where you'll find your pickerel.

Just about every lake and pond in Westchester and Putnam Counties produce large pickerel. One of the best is Lake Mahopac in Putnam County. Fishermen get their limit there with little effort.

For larger than average pickerel, I don't think Otsego Lake in Cooperstown can be excelled. I have taken pickerel there to 34 inches more than once. A buddy of mine took a 7½ pounder from this lake. When a nine pounder is considered tops for this fish, one of this size is pretty good.

Pickerel have delicious, sweet-tasting meat, but there is one drawback: I don't know of any way to get around the many fine Y-shaped bones this fish contains. It's fact, though, that once the bones are separated, few freshwater fish will equal the taste of a freshly-caught pickerel.

Most fishermen think so highly of this gamester they are satisfied to do battle and return him to fight another day. This is fitting. What better tribute to this scrappy "leopard of the lake" than this?

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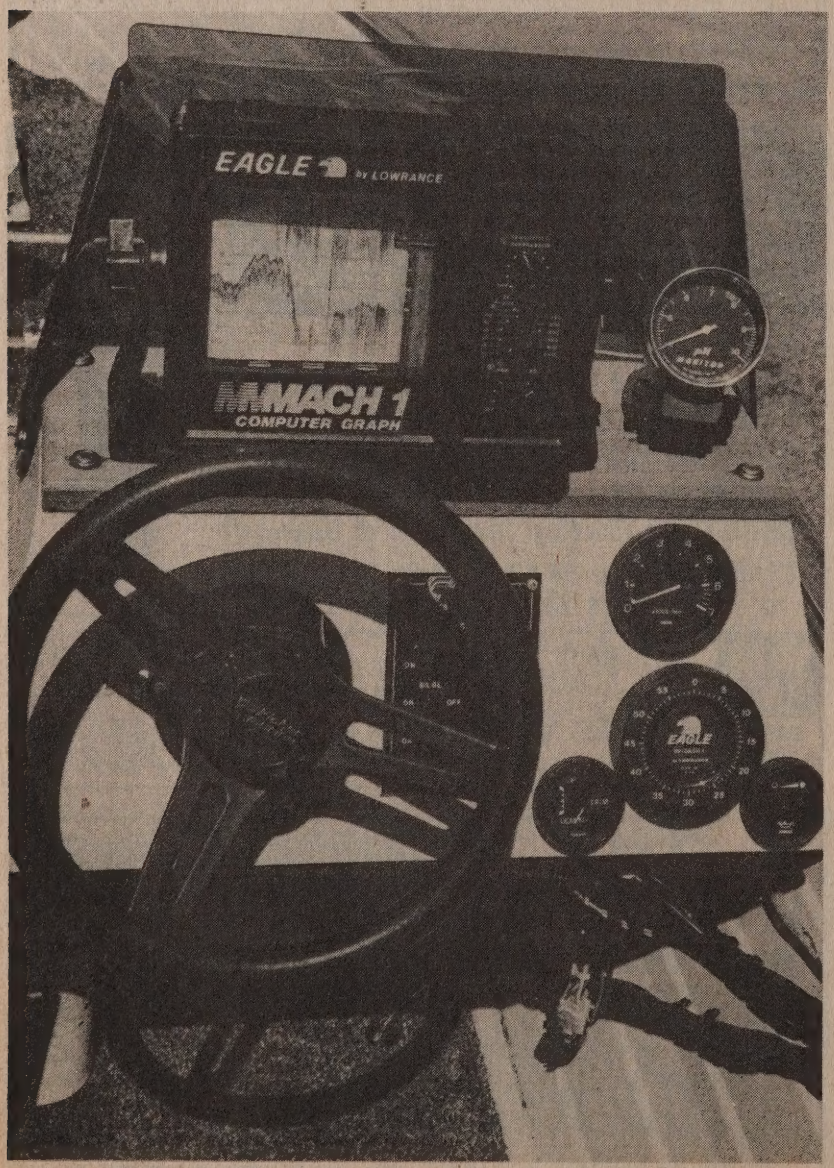
IDEAL BASS BOAT

by Pete Barrett

Today's modern bass fishing boats are the epitome of efficiency and style.

A bassin' man's closest friend is often his bass boat. It takes him to secret spots where the hawgs lie waiting to bust up his tackle, to the good days when it is easy to make a limit catch and even on the bad days the bass boat will leave the slow fishing behind in an exhilerating, hat-holding ride back to the dock.

The best bass boat combines many features into an affordable, efficient package that is comfortable and easy to fish from in a wide variety of lakes and rivers, perhaps doing occasional duty in tidewater rivers and saltwater bays.



Motor Guide electric motor helps maneuver around stumps and shorelines, steers from foot control. Bow mounted flasher indicates bottom structure and feeding depth of fish while sitting in forward pedestal seat.

While every bass fisherman has his own idea of what makes the ideal boat, the decisions and research needed when purchasing a new rig are a part of the fun of fishing. The result, if you choose the right options and a versatile design, will provide thousands of delightful hours of fishing enjoyment.

Gary Caputi, The Fisherman's national advertising sales director, wanted a bass boat that would fish well in large impoundments, yet still be easy to fish from when chasing bass in small lakes, ponds and tidal rivers. The boat would also have to be able to make an occasional foray against fluke, bay blues and weakfish.

Like every prospective boat buyer, Gary made the rounds at boat shows and pored over catalogs, comparing features that suited his fishing. He needed a boat that was light in weight for easy trailering behind a mid-sized car. However, the boat had to be large enough and rugged enough to handle some big water reservoirs. At the same time, it also had to be easy to use on smaller lakes.

Speed was important, but not at the expense of fuel economy and a costly big horsepower powerplant. A mid-sized engine was the goal to provide economy of operation without sacrificing speed.

The final choice was an aluminum skiff: a 16' 3" Fisher SV-3 completely rigged to satisfy any "pro" bassman, and rigged especially to fish well on any Northeast fishing waters.

Huge impoundments down South require boats able to handle 150 hp (or larger) engines to whiz from one good spot to another with little wasted time. Ponds and lakes in the Northeast are smaller in size and don't require such fast boats. Most lakes can be covered easily with less speed, better fuel economy.

Gary's SV-3 is matched to a Yamaha 70 hp outboard with oil injection. It will travel in excess of 50 miles per hour if you really want to blast along, and it also runs like a Swiss watch at mid-range RPMs as it hums along at 25 to 30 miles per hour.

The ride is pleasant under most conditions with only the windiest, choppiest days calling for a reduction of the throttle. The deep vee entry at the bow slices through the standard chop that occurs on most lakes when a breeze blows up.

At 16 feet the boat is not small on a large reservoir, yet it can squeak into the smallest, shallowest ponds where larger craft could not navigate without getting hung-up on stumps, bars and other bottom obstructions.

Fuel economy is amazing. After a summer of fishing and many hours of use, the boat has continually shown that it can run most of the day with 6 to 10 gallons of fuel being used. Naturally, the more you run, the more you burn; but even on the hardest running days, two 12-gallon tanks were sufficient.

The light weight of the total boat and motor package is easy for one man to handle while launching and retrieving, docking and cleaning; yet it comfortably fishes two people with ease. The aluminum hull is rugged and durable and will provide years of trouble free fishing. Gary's last bass boat was also aluminum and after six years is still working hard for another bass fisherman.

The Fisher SV-3 comes standard with many features that bass fishermen will like and it is similar to other aluminum boats offered by a host of other manufacturers. While individual features may vary slightly, there is also remarkable similarity.

Among the standard items are raised stern and fore decks which give better visibility while sitting on the pedestal seats; small console for ease of steering and to mount some electronics; live wells to keep your catch alive for weigh-in and then release; tackle storage and vinyl carpeting.

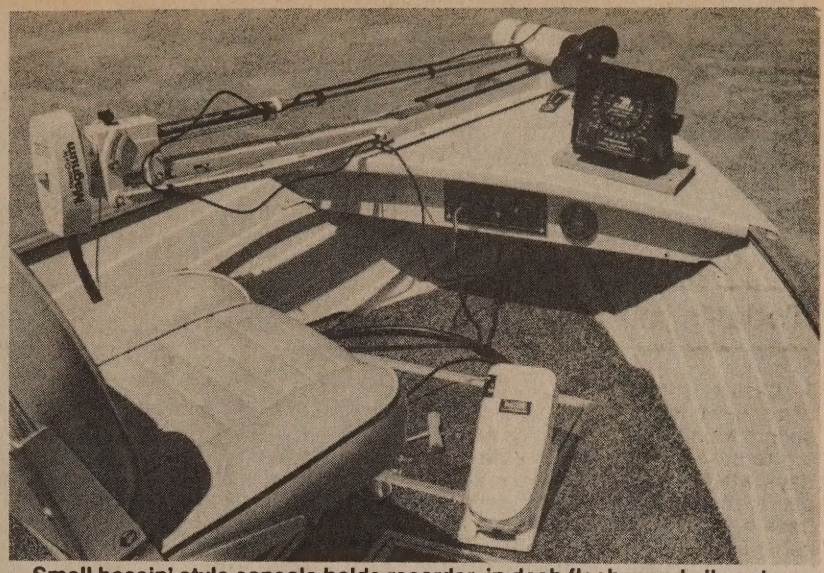
To customize the boat to suit his own style of fishing, Gary added many items. To maneuver around stumps and trees, a 12 volt Motorguide electric trolling motor was mounted on the bow with quick release for lowering and raising. A foot pedal provides steering control. To handle the power drain, a 130 amp deep cycle marine battery was installed.

A graph recorder is mounted on the console and is the main fish-finding and bottom reading electronics, but it is backed up with a bow mounted flasher for use while steering from the bow pedestal seat and using the electric motor.

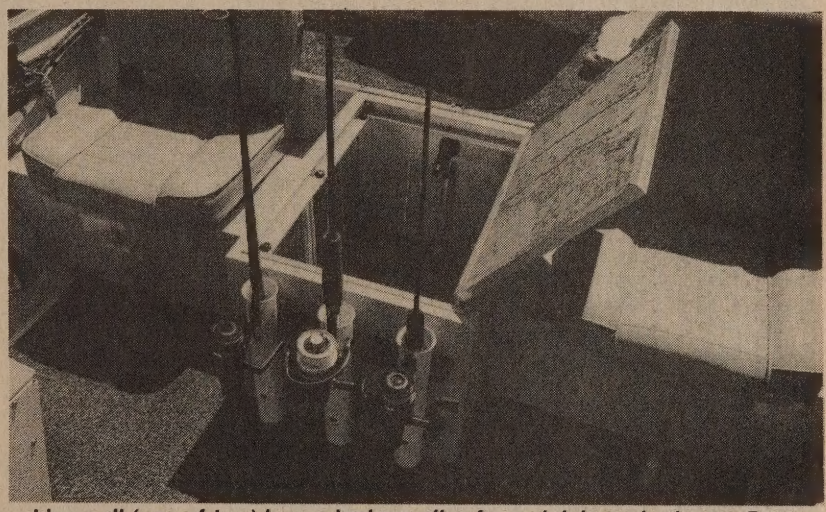
Surface temperature is monitored from a gauge mounted on the console. A pH monitor is used to determine the acidity of the water—something that is becoming more important to a lot of bass anglers.

The console also holds engine gauges, kill switch, ignition, in-dash flasher for high speed bottom readings, engine tachometer and tilt indicator for the engine trim.

The entire package comes together nicely and aluminum bass boats, like this one, are becoming more and more popular in the bassin' areas from Currituck to Greenwood Lake to Wallenpaupak. Aluminum bass boats are a reasonably low cost alternative to their fiberglass counterparts that will appeal to a lot of bass anglers.



Small bassin' style console holds recorder, in-dash flasher and all engine gauges.



Live well (one of two) keeps lunkers alive for weigh-in and release. Gary mounted rod racks to gain rod storage.

Raised stern deck supports pedestal casting seat, has lots of room below for storage of batteries, gas tanks, bilge pump and some dry storage.

SEARCH THE UNDERWATER FOREST

by Dick Mermon

The solution to successful bass angling during warm months is to become acquainted with underwater plant life and where largemouths station themselves at such times. Land animals utilize trees and shrubbery for protection, forage and shade. Bass fishermen are actually hunters seeking piscatorial game and would benefit greatly by using similar tactics with underwater vegetation.

Water clarity determines to some extent weed germination depth in most ponds and lakes. Here on Long Island, development is no deeper than 12 feet, except for a few clear bodies like Laurel Lake, in Southold, which has a germination depth of 15 feet. In such gin clear water, bass become difficult to fool and require light line when doing so. Yet, big bass can be tricked into striking an artificial if presented properly in 15 or 18 foot depths with heavier line. No matter how pure the water is, at these depths sunlight becomes somewhat subdued, thus making a thicker or heavier line almost invisible to a bass. Deep diving crankbaits, such as Hellbenders, Bombers, 3/4 ounce Cordell Spots, or a 9 inch plastic worm weighted by a 1/2 ounce bullet head, fished just outside the weed line will bring a bass out from hiding. One of the finest techniques employed by modern bassers is a 5/8 ounce jig 'n eel, danced slowly along the bottom. The lure is cast out away from the weed line into open bottom, allowed

to settle and then slowly moved into the weeds. Few largemouths can resist assaulting this offering. In this deep water, a strike will feel like a slight tap at the rod tip, or the line will twitch gingerly. There will be no strong tug or pull until the hook has been set and the fish feels its penetration.

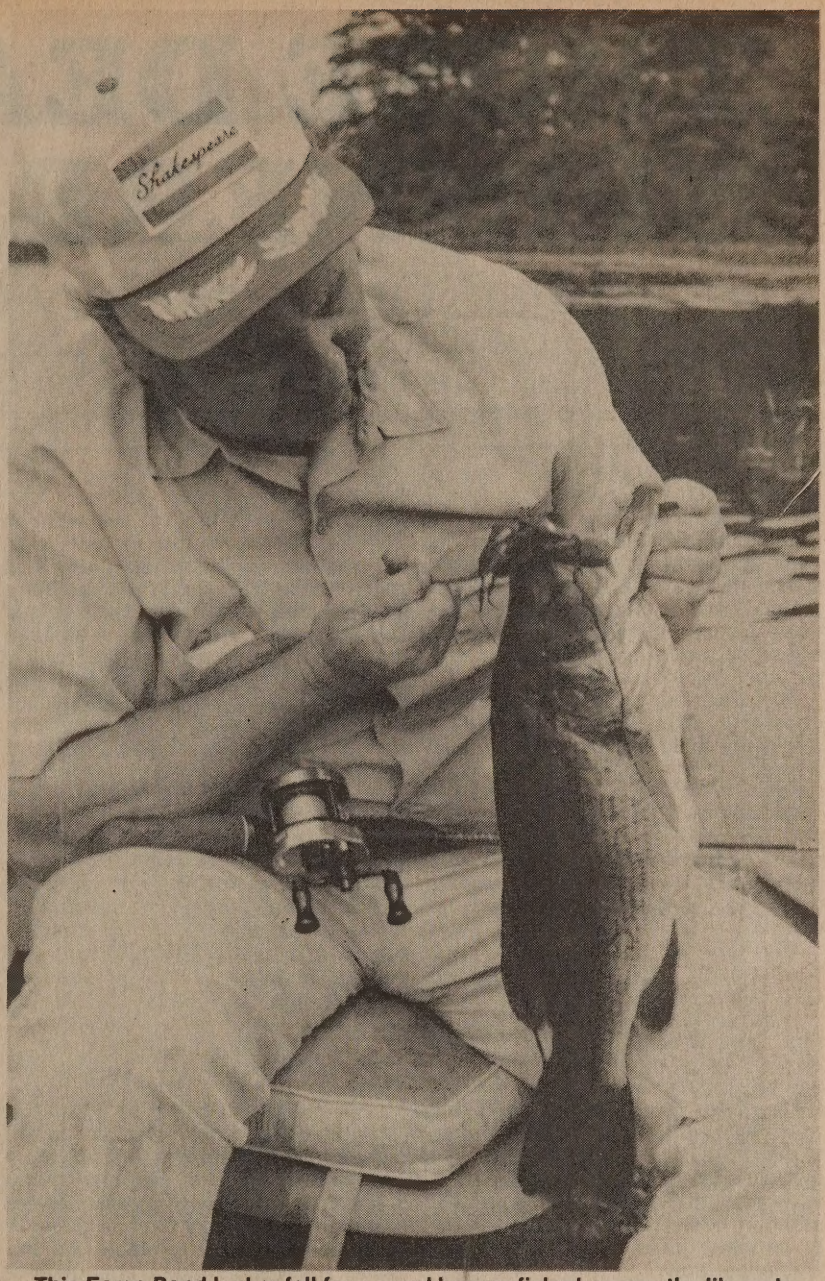
On overcast days, bass usually move from deep weed patches to a slightly shallower range, especially if there is a change in variety. Gaps of this sort are considered "food shelves" and are quite often visited by big largemouths. In this type of situation, it's the valley between weed patches that the angler's lure must reach. It is generally in 6 to 10 foot depths. Here, Mud Bugs, Wiggle Warts, Shad Raps, or Bombers often produce by digging through the trough. The old standby, a 6 or 8 inch plastic worm, is excellent throughout such terrain and most often gains attention quickly from camouflaged bass as it dances between weed patches.

Coontail and Cabomba weed normally germinate in all depths of water and are the finest weed growth attracting bass. Water clarity makes no difference in the bushy development because their terminal tips never reach the surface. This aquatic vegetation grows rapidly and offers total concealment beneath the surface where bass can create a maze of passageways and tunnels. This is where an angler flipping a jig or dunking a worm into pothole openings can rack up some impressive scores.

Forge Pond (Peconic River) becomes a mass of Cabomba during the warm months and is most productive when fishing into the "bass trails" beneath the weed cover. Since crankbaits or deep swimmers are useless at this period, it is but a handful of artificials that will work. Weedless spoons, buzz baits, floating swimmers, plastic worms and jigs all have their proper place in this body of water and each will catch bass. The spoons are for sparse sections, while buzz baits like Big Al's straight line and Timber Strike are used over heavy cover where nothing else will get through. Floating swimmers like Rebels, Rapalas, Bombers and Hellcats can be twitched over pocket water. Jigs and worms can be presented into pockets and shoreline areas.

Water lily cover offers "the" greatest chance of hooking big bass any time of year, but more so in July and August. Female largemouths constantly settle within lily pads after spawning. By the time their stamina is regained (which is about 10 days), clouds of freshly hatched bass fry are ready to be assaulted.

Feeding fish station themselves at the water lilies' perimeter, facing outward and watch the adjoining cover. These are basically small, or buck bass seeking to fill their bellies with any type forage. Spawned-out females usually penetrate deep into cover, away from activity. After rehabilitation occurs, nothing is safe in the eyes of Ol' Mother Bass, for she is on the prowl and desperate to rejuvenate her system.



This Forge Pond lunker fell for a weed hopper fished among the lily pads by the author.

Lily pads are a lake's natural venetian blinds, which occasionally stretch from the shoreline to about 10 feet of water depth. The perfect situation is a combination of Cabomba and Coontail, blending into a field of lily pads right to the shoreline from deep to shallow water. Quite often bass will take up permanent residence within the pads because of slightly cooler temperatures and an abundance of forage, while others become tourists and visit from deep water vegetation through the tunnels into the lilies, and back out again.

The edges of these floating discs are the first section that should be worked because there are always fish watching the open gap between the lilies and adjoining weeds. Bass either station themselves under the pads back out of sight or in lower cover facing outward, or hide beneath the undergrowth facing into the pads. When a lure touches down in this "no man's land," it could be instantly devoured from either direction on the first turn of the reel's handle.

Bass angling is fundamentally a type of hunting within an unseen territory, especially where weed cover is concerned. Every bassin' person should become educated as to which aquatic plants the quarry uses during the different stages of the season. These subterranean forests are the fishes' bastions and the key to good bassin'.

THOSE DEADLY SPINNERBAITS

Part One—*by Gary Caputi*

Versatility is the key to the deadly effectiveness of these proven fish catchers.

When you think about all the lures available to the bass fisherman today, it can almost be mind boggling; but when it comes time to go fishing, there are usually just a few types that spend the majority of the day in the water. Granted, those mainstay selections will vary some with the season, but some are never left home no matter what the time of year.

One lure I am never without when chasing bass is the spinnerbait. This lure is available in many different configurations, but what makes the spinnerbait the producer it can be, is the versatility that it affords the angler. It can be fished in so many different ways, under incredibly different conditions, at varying depths and speeds, that the possibilities are almost endless.

One of the best known B.A.S.S. Tournament pros is a spinnerbait specialist. His name is Ricky Green and for years he has been known as Mr. Consistency because of the number of high placing finishes he has had over his years of tournament fishing. His favorite lure is the one we're delving into here and he claims to use it 80 to 90 percent of the time he's fishing. He feels that most bass fishermen don't have a good understanding of the potential and versatility of these lures and I must agree wholeheartedly.

The spinnerbait was designed in the south, specifically for bass. It has been shown to be effective on many other species such as pike, muskies, freshwater stripers and in smaller versions, for panfish and crappies. But let's keep as our subject matter large and smallmouth bass. The lure is a cross-breeding of the leadhead jig and the in-line spinner most freshwater fishermen are familiar with. It was called the "Safety Pin" lure for years due to its odd shape. It was developed like that to give the lure the ability to ride over the abundant obstructions so prevalent in southern lakes and reservoirs. When fished without allowing slack in the line, it can be snaked through all types of structure without snagging. It was meant to be fished through stumps, fallen trees and over rock piles. One of the most productive methods for spinnerbait fishing is called "bump the stump" by bass fishing's best known champ, Roland Martin.

Bump the stump is just what it means. Casting to the opposite side of a stump or other structure and retrieving the lure right up to it, hitting it and then continuing the retrieve around or over the top of it. A strike is usually attracted by the interruption of the blade's rotation. This can also be effective with some crankbaits, but due to the design of the lure, they are much more prone to hang up and hence, the advantage with this technique goes to the spinnerbait.

Spinnerbaits are available through many lure companies, with the most popular weights being 1/4, 3/8 and 1/2 ounce models. I strongly prefer those spinnerbaits that incorporate light stainless steel wire from jig head to the spinner blade. The light wire provides much more "feel" of the lure when retrieving or drop fishing the lure. Feel is simply the sensation of the blade rotating on the lure and it can be a very important key to fishing these lures more effectively. Many bass hit a spinnerbait after it hits the water and starts falling to the desired fishing depth before you even start the retrieve. These are hits many anglers never feel! Being able to feel the blade pulsing as the lure sinks is imperative. When the blade hits the water, the reel should be engaged immediately and it should be allowed to sink on a tight line. Then you can feel the blade and watch the line to detect telltale hits. Often the strike is nothing more than the blade momentarily stopping and the lure's weight mysteriously disappearing for a split second. If you didn't strike immediately, you missed Mr. Bass again.

That feeling is just as important on a retrieve. Sometimes bass will literally annihilate a spinnerbait, they seem to hit it so hard. When this is happening, the bass are aggressively feeding. What you feel on a hard strike is the bass grabbing the lure, closing his mouth on it and turning away from the direction of your retrieve. When the fish are turned on like that, there's no question about when to set the hook.

What many bass fishermen don't realize is they are missing more strikes than they are setting up on when the fish are striking in a lighter manner. This light strike is the fish coming up behind the lure, inhaling it and exhaling it in a flash, and all you will feel is the blade stop for a moment and the lure's weight disappearing for a split second. He doesn't close down on the lure and turn away, so you don't get that hard tug. What is happening is he is sneaking in the door, but not knocking to let you know there's company!

Directing these hits can up your averages dramatically. Once you hook those first few light striking fish, it becomes reflex action and you will be hooking a lot more bass on spinnerbaits than before. There are a couple of ingredients that can help in catching the light strikers. First, the light wire spinnerbaits already mentioned, help improve that all important "feel." Second, a good graphite or boron rod, preferably in a light/ medium action baitcasting type, to make it easier to "feel" the spinnerbait in the water. Third, and most important, is CONCENTRATION! You have to be mentally aware of that spinnerbait, the throbbing of the blade and the tightness of the line going into the water from the first moment it hits the water until it is back in the boat.

Getting back to the lure and its components, I mentioned that three basic weight spinnerbaits will be used for most fishing conditions. The weight will determine how high in the water or how deep the spinnerbait can be fished without losing that all important "feel." Lighter weights can be fished slower at shallow depths without dragging the bottom and can be more effective drop fishing since they will fall more slowly than the heavier ones. Don't be afraid to fish spinnerbaits deep. I have taken fish on heavier spinnerbaits at surprising depths. I have had days on some lakes, crowded with other bass boats, when I could go right behind another boat fishing with the same spinnerbait and catch fish while the other anglers couldn't buy a tap. The fishermen ahead of me were simply casting and retrieving their lures. The fish were lower in the water and if they would have let their lures sink a few seconds before beginning their retrieves, they would have been cat-

ching those bass and not me.

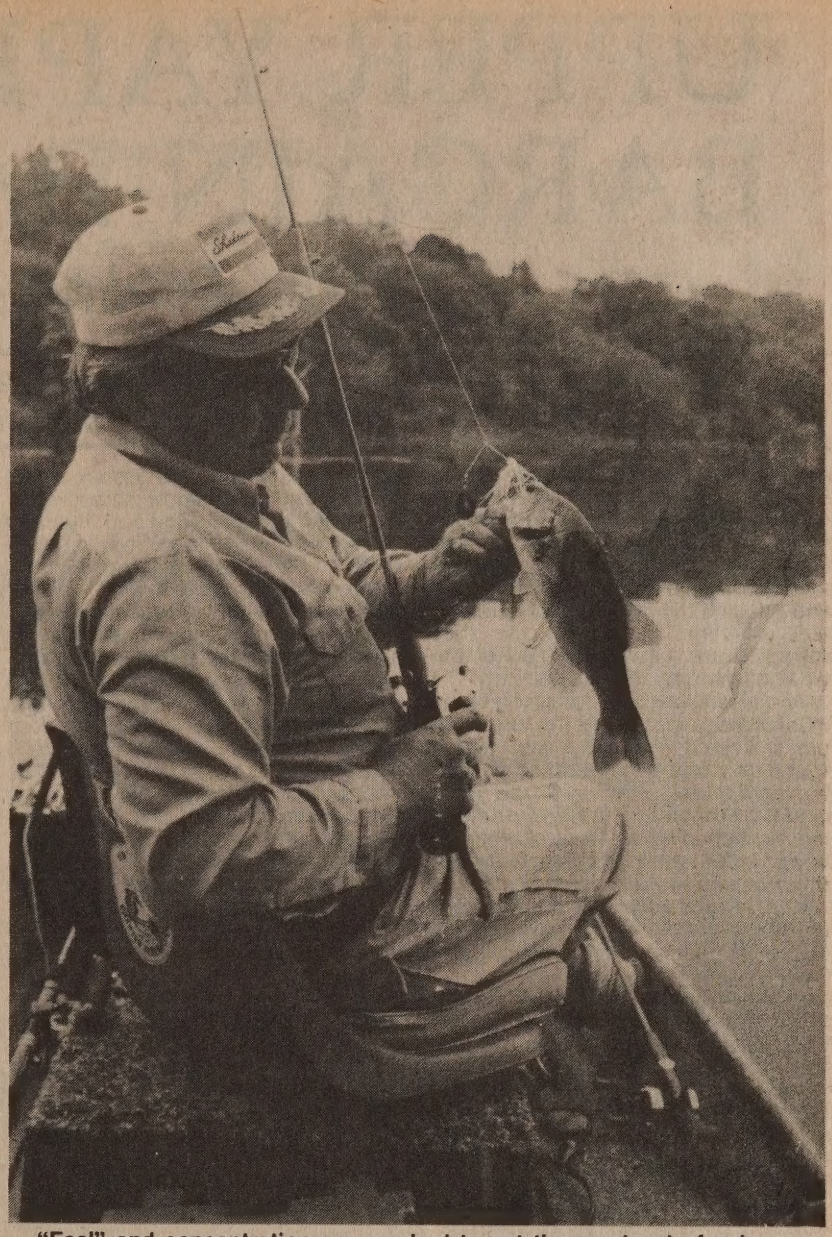
The parts of the spinnerbait that do the visual attracting are the spinner blade, which gives the lure flash, and the jig skirt, which represents the prey's body and provides the target for the fish. Keeping in mind the importance of these two component parts, let me suggest a way for the less than avid bass fisherman to get the variety needed from a minimum number of lures in his tackle box. Carrying just a few spinnerbaits in the three weights mentioned can grow to a huge assortment by bringing a selection of spare skirts and different spinner blades.

With your few basic spinnerbaits in the three weights, get yourself a selection of different color skirts. The most popular colors are white, black, yellow, chartreuse and combinations of chartreuse and red or chartreuse and blue, brown, brown and pink (crawfish). Add a few more exotic colors and you will round out your selection and give yourself something to play with when the fishing gets slow. Next, get some assorted sizes of spinner blades in nickel, brass and copper. When buying your spinnerbaits, choose those that have ball bearing swivels where the blade attaches. These swivels give an easier blade rotation and a better feel of the blade turning. You can now alter the complete spinnerbaits you have into a huge variety of colors and blade combinations simply by exchanging blades and skirts. This budget spinnerbait collection is fine for the occasional bass fisherman, but if you're a fanatic like me, you will find it somewhat inadequate. I usually have a couple of dozen complete lures in my tackle box along with 20 or 30 spare skirts and blades.

For the newcomer, choosing blade and skirt combinations can be frustrating. About 4 or 5 years ago, Roland Martin designed a spinnerbait for the Blue Fox Tackle Company and it involved a new packaging concept along with an excellent spinnerbait. Each packaged lure was accompanied by a spare skirt of different color and a spare blade of different size or color. The packages were marked fo three basic water conditions. The instructions on the package for usage are so well thought out that I can't give a better description of color and blade choice for general spinnerbait use. I got on the phone and obtained permission from the company to reprint that information for our readers.

Clear Water Conditions: Use smaller nickel blades with brass blades optional. Use sparse white skirt for clear water, bright weather. Long black skirt and larger brass blade for dark weather or night fishing.

Dark Water Conditions: Use larger brass blades with copper optional blade and medium yellow and blue skirt for clear days. Optional yellow and black skirt for cloudy water or overcast skies.



"Feel" and concentration are required to get the most out of spinnerbaits.

Muddy Water Conditions: Large brass blades with fluorescent red blade optional and large fluorescent chartreuse and red skirt. Large chartreuse skirt optional for very muddy or turbid water conditions.

Now remember, these are Roland's suggestions, compiled over years of intense tournament fishing and they make an excellent rule of thumb. But as you fish these lures and gain more knowledge through experimentation, you will find combinations that will differ from one lake to another, under different light conditions and at different depths. Do not think that these are the only ways to go, but if you never experiment with anything else, these suggestions will serve you well.

Who makes good spinnerbaits? Lots and lots of companies. In fact, if you were to go around the country and look at all the spinnerbaits available from all the major manufacturers and little backyard operations, it would probably number in the hundreds. Of those I am familiar with and that are readily available in this part of the country, there are several to be recommended highly. If I miss anyone's, my apologies, because I just haven't fished them all. High on the list are those available from Strike King, Blue Fox, Bomber, McCollum's Bush Hogs and Flecks. Again, these are just a few of the many quality spinnerbaits that can be found in the northeast.

Next week, we will go into some of the many techniques and methods of fishing the spinnerbait for bass. I can assure you that there are more than we will cover, but once you see just how versatile this lure really is, I am sure you will come up with some new wrinkles of your own.

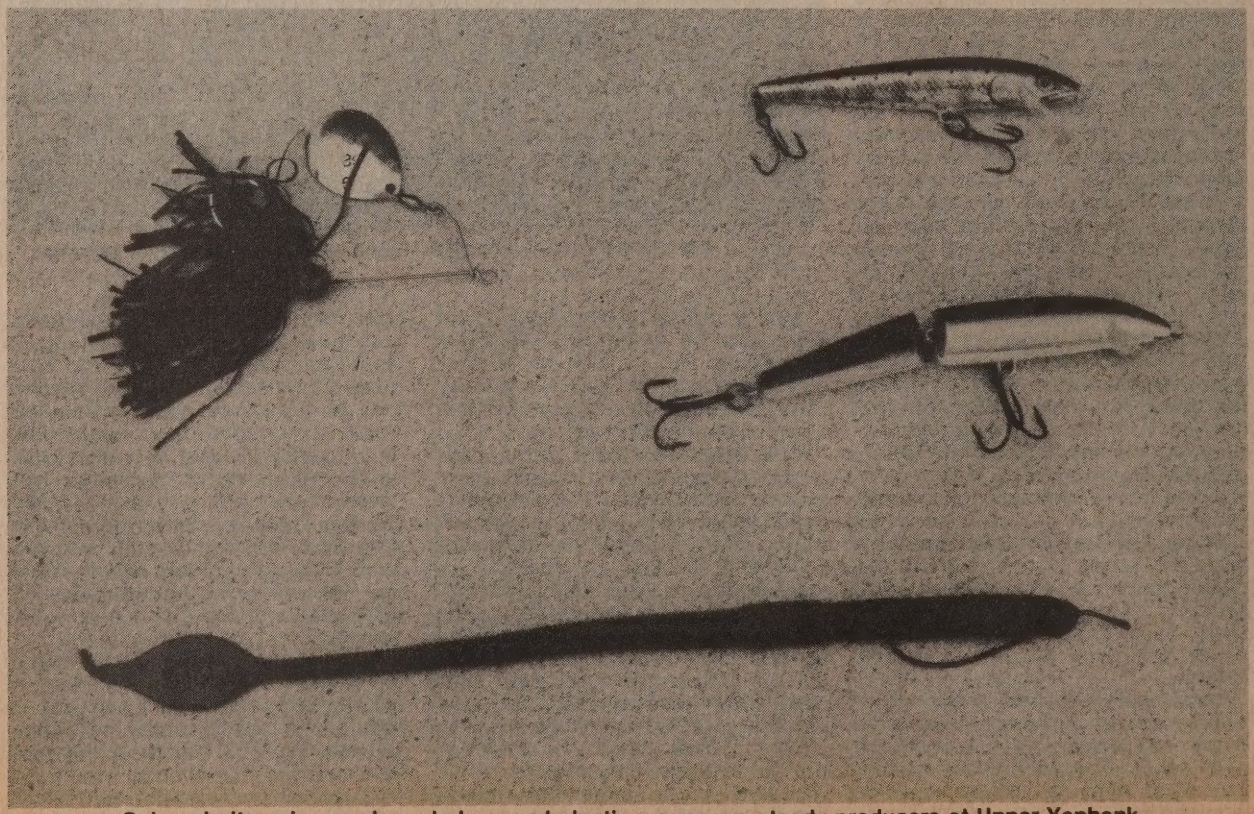
UPPER YAPHANK BARGAIN BASSIN'

by Tom Schlichter

Upper Yaphank Lake provides Long Island bassers with some unheralded, but dependable action.

I didn't really see the fish; didn't need to in order to tell that it was a good sized bass. As the V-shaped wake steamed a quick course from the end of the sunken log I had clumsily waded upon, two small whirlpools from where the fish had first bolted still dimpled the surface. As they died, I threw a cast up ahead of the wake and began to buzz back my 1/4 oz. black spinnerbait. I could feel my heart pound as I passed the lure right in front of the fish's nose, and I cursed my clumsy wading as it went by unimpeded. The wake was gone now, consumed by the slight ripple of the surface created by a chill north wind, but I knew that fish was out there still. Fumbling with my bail, I opened up my spinning reel and sent off another cast to the exact same spot. This time, the reaction was almost immediate. No sooner had I cranked my reel handle three turns, than the big bass turned and engulfed the spinner in a magnificent surface boil! "I don't believe he hit!" I remember thinking to myself. "Now I just hope that this drag is set right." The concern over the drag setting, an aspect I usually pay particular attention to, was prompted by the fact that this was my very first day working a new reel and it was loaded with four pound test line—the lightest line I had ever used up to that point. The bass put up a dogged fight, making two bullish runs and one head-shaking leap which ended in a loud splat. Luckily, all my knots held and the fish stayed clear of the lily pads which now seemed perilously close to the battlegrounds. In about five minutes time, I lifted the 4½ pounder by the jaw and held it aloft triumphantly. It was a pretty fish with distinctively clear black markings running the length of its lateral line, and a tinge of red along the edge of its tail fins. The small spinnerbait was solidly embedded in the roof of its mouth so that even I would have had trouble allowing it to spit the hook. I admired that fish in the morning sun for maybe a minute and then, prying the hook free, released it to fight again some other morning. As usual, the bass of upper Yaphank Lake had made my day.

For several years now, Upper Lake in Yaphank has reigned near the top of my list as one of the better bassing waters on Long Island. Conveniently located just a short distance from the Long Island Expressway, this lake is formed by a dam in the Carmen's



Spinnerbaits, minnow-shaped plugs and plastic worms are steady producers at Upper Yaphank.

River and is only one in a series of several lakes in this system which are well known for their fishing merit. Loaded with medium sized largemouths and a fair number of fish four pounds and up, Upper Yaphank also supports a strong population of rainbow and brown trout.

When I first began fishing this body of water, about ten years ago, it was a well kept secret and received only a fair amount of attention. For the last three years or so, however, the pressure seems to be steadily increasing and there are very few days now when an angler has the entire lake to himself. Still, the possibilities and rewards offered here often outweigh the benefits of solitude and I find myself on this lake often.

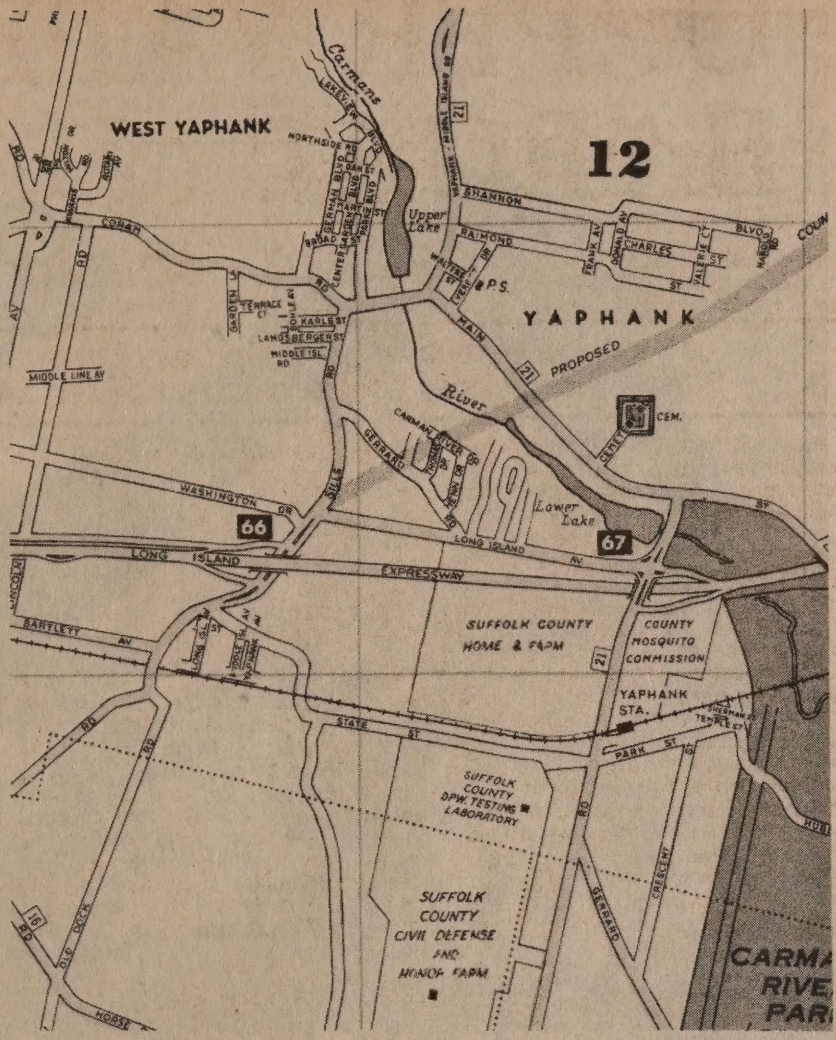
If you like to use a variety of lures or baits, this is the spot for you. Upper Yaphank offers enough water types to put to use everything in your tackle box with the possible exception of deep divers. The south end varies between 5 to 9 feet deep with clear water and little weed growth. Spoons, jellyworms, small crankbaits, Rebel or Rapala style minnow imitations (in rainbow trout or light blue finishes), all produce here.

Moving toward the mid-section of the lake, anglers will begin to encounter a few patches of lily pads as well as weed growth rising from the bottom to within two or three feet of the surface. The west bank is lined with shade producing trees, while the east shore sports a clean, sandy beach which can be quite productive in the very early morning or late evening. Staying with shallow runners to avoid the weeds is essential when working this section of lake. Small spinnerbaits buzzed across the surface also work well. Since there is about two or three feet of water to play with, small spoons can still be used as long as they can be retrieved at a speed which will prohibit them from sinking too deep.

The north end of the lake is choked with lily pads and weed growth from the bottom, extends to within inches of the surface. For the most part, the only way to work this area successfully is to employ plastic worms rigged weedless style, or to pig and jig near the lily pads. Despite the intense growth, some really large bass reside here and the area is worth trying when the "front" fails to produce.

Live bait will work throughout the lake although in the back sections you will have to really pick your spots. Killies are the most frequent choice but live roach, which can be caught right in the lake itself, work even better. In either case, use very light Eagle Claw hooks to keep your bait lively.

For myself at least, Yaphank Lake has proven to be a morning producer. I like to start my fishing here around 5AM. Generally, I begin working the lake's north end and then cast my way along the west shore to about mid-lake. At this point, I work the leading edge of the lily pads across the lake's center until I reach the opposite side at the sandy beach. If I have had good action, I continue to work this area, but if fishing has been slow, I move to heavier cover at the back of the lake.



Because I enjoy taking an occasional trout, I shy away from using plastic worms whenever possible and concentrate on shallow running plugs and small spoons such as the 1/2 oz. Dardevle. Some really big browns make their homes in this lake. While the biggest that I've taken here was only about 16 inches long, I've seen photos of fish taken here that would top the five pound mark. Most of the anglers who fish this lake exclusively for trout, fish with fly rods. A few anglers work the north end, directly in front of the waterfall, with worms and do fairly well.

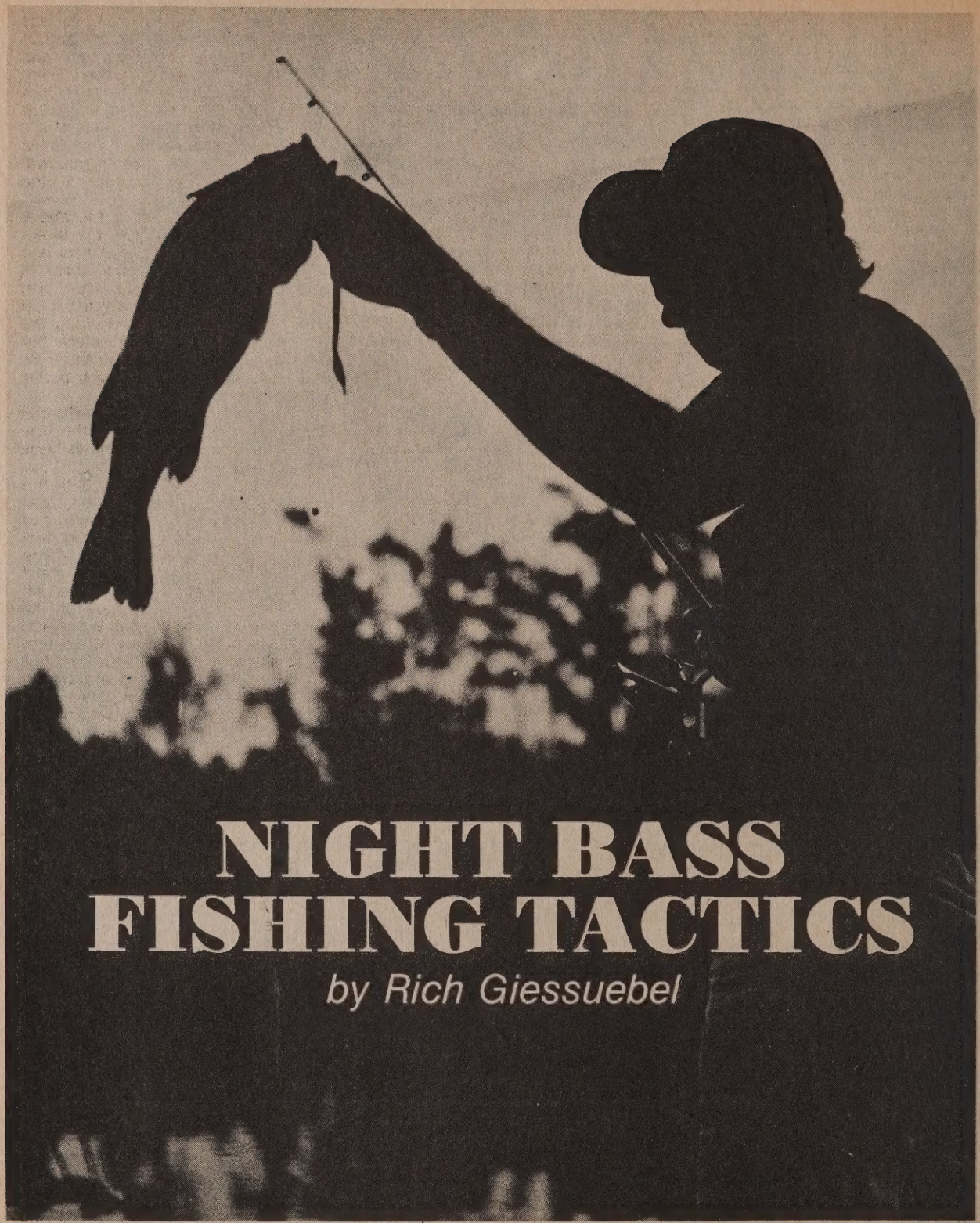
Generally, as on most of the Island's bass lakes, fishing is best on cloudy days. Sometimes, following a good soaking, the water may discolor and fishing falls off for a day or two before getting back on track.

As I mentioned earlier, there are plenty of bass here and a good number of large fish. Last year, I witnessed a 7.5 lb. largemouth taken from this lake on a killie bait. So far this year, a 6.12 lb. bass taken on a black plastic worm by Charlie Mosely is the largest I've heard about. In addition to bass and trout, other species which you may encounter include large bullhead catfish, yellow perch and bluegills.

To get to the lake, take the LIE to exit 67, north to County Road 21, north to Main Street and make a left turn. This road will bring you to the south side of Upper Yaphank Lake. Your best bet for parking is in the southwest corner.

Many of the anglers who fish Upper Yaphank Lake are dedicated freshwater fans who practice catch and release tactics. This is one reason why this body of water continues to produce year after year despite increasing pressure. If you intend to make this lake a regular stop on your fishing circuit, be smart and release those fish you do not intend to eat so that the high quality of action here will continue for years to come.

Well now, the cat's out of the bag. If you hadn't heard before, you know now that Upper Yaphank Lake offers some quality fishing for bass and trout. My apologies to the gang for talking it up. If you haven't fished this lake already, give it a shot soon. I'm confident you'll find your efforts well rewarded.



NIGHT BASS FISHING TACTICS

by Rich Giessuebel

Fish are intelligent creatures! The older they get, the wiser they get. It doesn't take too long before young bass recognize that they can feed quite handily at night; and once they do, it makes it increasingly difficult to catch them during the day. Therefore, many bass fishermen expend much effort during hours of darkness to catch a few of the eager bass waiting to feed after the lights go out. In this article, we will explain some of the advantages and disadvantages of fishing for and catching night bass.

In order to successfully fish any body of water, a good fisherman must be prepared. In order to successfully fish at night, he must be EXTRA prepared! Make yourself very familiar with the body of water you are going to fish. Fish it often during the day. Learn where the coves, underwater rocks, stumps, fallen trees and stream entrances are. Learn where the best feeding locations are. Then, plot the information in a log for ready reference. Make a picture of land features that will be visible at night. For example, a fence running through a field is a bad landmark because once the lights go out, you will not be able to see the fence. Best features are those that touch the sky. Large tree

tops, telephone poles, water towers, or anything that will be silhouetted on the dark horizon will be a good guide in getting around on the lake.

After placing all of this information in your log, study it. Try to memorize as much of it as you can. It isn't easy at night trying to find your favorite daytime location by having to stop every so often to try and read a map or notes by a flashlight or boat light. So, if you prepare your agenda ahead of time, you can save much aggravation later.

Along the same line, organize your boat. Know where things are. If you are like many, you may have a hard time finding things on your boat during the day. This becomes compounded while fishing at night. Cut down on what you are going to take along with you. An old football coaching adage goes well here, "KISS," (Keep It Simple Stupid). The more things you bring along, the easier it is to misplace something.

From much practical experience, you should consider two rods a man, one bait bucket, one case of a few lures, a second case of terminal tackle, life preservers, sailing lights, a light source like a flashlight rather than a lantern, insect repellent, a good net, something to hold the fish and that's about it. Since bass are highly sensitive to smell, put the repellent on once, preferably at home, and wash well. Consider scrubbing mud on your hands if you are going to be handling lures or live bait, or spray your hands with a fish attractor solution to mask both the human and repellent scent.

Since it is very hard to fish a wooded shoreline at night, try to fish shorelines that are rocky. Once the lights go out, the big bass head right into their favorite feeding stations which might be within inches of the shoreline features. Since casting up to rocks is simpler, you will not foul up as much as if there were much trees and brush along the banks. However, save the worst shoreline features for the last. If you haven't done well, you can always venture into harder to fish places.

Another good secret is to fish heavier line at night. If you fish 6 to 8 lb. test during the day, you can go up to 10 to 12 lb. test line at night. The reason for this is twofold. First of all, the bass can't see the line at night, so you could use 30 lb. test to no disadvantage! And, since you can get closer to the bass after dark and not spook them, you don't have to cast as far. There is still one other big advantage, and that is if you get stuck in the brush along the shoreline, you can apply much more power to your removal efforts and usually get your lure back.

As far as tackle goes, one spinning and one conventional bait casting outfit is fine. Fish the lighter surface plugs on the spinning and the heavier buzzbaits, spinnerbaits and rubber worms on the conventional. If you are walking a shoreline, consider the spinning over the baitcasting because you can control your casts with little flips and tosses where brush and trees can't interfere as much.

As for the lures to bring along, get an assortment of Mann's Jelly Worms. The larger the worm the better. A super nighttime color is black. This color can best be silhouetted by the bass, making strikes easier for them. Black lures do not hurt either. Since most lures are counter-shaded, this is an ecological protective device genetically ensuring the survival of the bait's species, it is advised to use a can of black spray paint on the under surface of your top water lures and the total surface area of your crankbaits. Since the black color is the easiest to see, try to stick to that color only!

As for techniques, at dusk fish the shoreline. Cast buzzbaits and surface plugs up to the land features and return the bait slowly while allowing it to make plenty of noise back to the boat. Casts along the shoreline are best, but make certain there aren't any overhead snags. One advantage of the buzzbait is that it is practically snagless. We have often miscast a buzzbait into a low branch and better than 99 percent of the time, we get the lure back simply by reeling it out. The same holds true for spinnerbaits, therefore, both baits rate high on the nighttime basser's list.

One adaptation we make to all our spinner and buzz baits is to remove all the skirts they come adorned with and replace them with Mann's Auger Tails and Frogs. Through this effort, we make certain the bass can recognize one of his favorite meals. The blades set up the vibrations and attract the nosy bass, while the Auger frog lowers his resistance to strike.

Rebels, Manns, Storm, Bagley and Bomber all make suitable floating minnows in the 3 to 5 inch length category. Fish these minnow imitations very slowly back to the boat. Often, big bass will follow the lure and strike it just as you are lifting it up and out of the water. This is "heart attack-ville." So don't ever let your guard down, expect a strike at all times.

The best way to fish these floaters is to twitch them all the way home. This makes them splash around and is highly attractive to feeding bass. Once you cast, allow the lure to sit for a moment or two on the water where it has landed. Many times the bass will strike this motionless lure. If no strike is forthcoming, twitch the lure several times and then let it rest a moment. If the noise hasn't generated any interest by now, twitch it back to the boat and expect a strike any time.

By fishing your lures this way, you will be avoiding underwater snags that are invisible at night. Also, you will be best silhouetting your lure to any bass which may be in the area.

As it gets later in the evening, move to weed beds. Lily fields, bullrushes and stump infested waters tend to produce best the later it gets. Often big bass will give their presence away by crashing to the surface somewhere near you. Slowly paddle yourself quietly into position, and after things have had a chance to calm down some, cast your favorite bait into the hornet's nest. Many times big fish are caught this way. First of all, they are feeding! Next, you know where they are, and finally, you will be using your favorite lure at the moment of truth.

As for favorite lures, if the above scenario happened to me, the lure I would cast into the hornet's nest is a 12 inch long Mann's rubber worm on a Texas rig. I'd slowly allow the worm to settle down, then slowly lift it up and let it settle back down along the bottom back to the boat. More big bass take this bait than any other lure and when they pick it up, you better know what to do!

If the fish is swimming with the worm towards you, slowly gather the slack line and strike the fish as he is about to go under the boat. If you strike too soon, you may pull the worm and hook right out of the bass' mouth. If the bass swims away and straightens out your line, lean forward and give him some line. Once the line is taut, pull up very hard attempting to get the hook. If the fish is moving off from one side or the other, allow him to get into a position where you can effectively strike him as he moves away from you. By all of these tactics you are guaranteeing your best chances of hooking the bass.

When moving up to vegetation, cast spinnerbaits and buzzbaits directly into the mess of green. These baits are weedless and will fish well in such a tangle. Bass also love to hunt such haunts for unsuspecting prey at night. Bring the buzzbaits back towards you in a very steady manner. Do not alter your speed. Slow is the correct speed as long as the buzz blades continue to work well out of the water. As for spinnerbaits, you can alter their speeds. Allow them to drop down over pads, allow them to drop deeply into pockets, and fish them slowly wherever you like.

If you are fishing bait, large shiners take the MOST lunker bass. Fished off large bobblers, allow the shiner to swim along pads and bullrushes. If there are any big bass around, it won't take long to find out. Use large hooks. Size #4 or #2 baitholders are preferred for big bass. This is especially true for nighttime fishing. During the day, you might try a treble hook to fish a large shiner, but at night a single large hook will suffice.

Well, study some of these points. Remember, it will not be easy finding your launching point if you are not familiar with where you are fishing. So, become very familiar with where you are going to fish at night. Plan everything well, even down to only bringing along a few lures rather than taking your entire tackle box. Finally, don't fret. If you give night fishing a try, you will be doing the right thing and chances are you will get a lunker bass or two. Good fishing!

TOPWATER BASSIN'

by Carl Buxbaum

If it's adrenalin pumping action you're looking for, taking bass on surface plugs will provide it.

It was one of those days: no sign of life in the water, probably the result of a wild storm that barrelled through the day before. The 8 inch plastic worm was dragged through every predictable lunker spot I discovered over the years. Dropping down to a 6 inch worm, a 10 inch largemouth was finally caught and released, but over an hour later, nothing else hit. To speed up the fishing, if not the catching, a spinnerbait was chucked toward every likely bit of shoreline cover. Not even a tap. Bored, I felt ready to pack it in. It was still early, though, and the prospect of heading home to change a washer in that leaky faucet seemed deadly.

Reaching for the paddle to move and try one more spot, my eye caught the tackle box. No wonder I was bored. I'd fallen into a rut. All I ever used were plastic worms and spinnerbaits. Sure, I always took my best bass of the season on one of those things, but why stick with a humdrum method when it didn't deliver. The box was loaded with plugs, laid out like a precious coin collection. If a couple more were thrown in, the boat would probably sink. Yet, the last time most of them got wet was in the rain.

I picked out a classy black and gold Rapala. Topwater plugs, even if they hardly ever produce, I reasoned, are interesting to play with. You see them working and can tinker with the action. It splashed down just beyond the edge of a patch of lily pads. After the rings dissipated, I twitched it slightly to the left, then, a few seconds later, to the right. No takers. It was slowly retrieved to within inches of the outermost pad, stopped, then twitched a few times at intervals of about 10 seconds. Still nothing. Just not my day. Time to call it quits. With me totally unprepared, the lily pads parted and the gaping jaws of a good bass slammed shut on the plug. A quick tail flip and somersault propelled the brute home to the pads—the line skillfully threaded around the stems. A tug of war was on. The lilies shook violently, and some were pulled under as line slid up their stems. Soon the pads moved only in response to the rod. The fish was free. Certain it wasn't my day, I paddled through the jungle extricating line until I reached my plug, firmly snagged in a redwood related lily stem. Reclaiming the plug, I headed home.

On the way, I started feeling good. Some new life was put into fishing with that change of pace. More important was the forgotten thrill of seeing a plucky bass hit on top. It was worth 10 on worms or spinners. After all, isn't topwater plugging what made bass so popular in the first place? For good reason, I concluded and decided to use the topwater option more—even if I didn't get many big beasts.

Over the next few seasons a lot was learned about this classical bassin'—including the fact that, when you know how, big bass, too, can be taken on top. My most memorable catch came the following year, when a battle-scarred five pounder whacked the same Rapala sitting dead in the water. She must

have come a full foot into the air and seemed to just hang there with the plug crosswise in that fat head. Then she plunged, burrowing for bottom, before crashing through the surface again. Later, she got under the boat, and there were some tense moments as I worked her in, with the rod stuck down in the water up to the reel. It seems that bass making surface assaults are more fierce and bloodthirsty than those hunkered down in deep cover. No matter, the best part is seeing the strike.

Among the first things learned was that certain waters were better for surface fishing. Taking bass on top from lakes with good, deep cover seems hard. You luck out once in awhile, when a feeding binge develops under your nose. But you really need that luck, even during peak activity periods like dusk and dawn. Topwater adventures should be planned for shallow lakes or ponds—the shallower, the better. Less than 8 feet at the deepest hole is probably best. Bass love cover and will seek it out wherever they are. In shallow waters that cover is nearly always within sight and sound of the surface. There you're more apt to get a response, even from big lazy fish, known for their reluctance to travel very far for a meal.

My favorite topwater bassin' hole is a shallow pond with almost no cover, except for four lily pad beds. Few places exist where fish can hide from the sun or plot an ambush. The pads, therefore, are their Mecca, and that's where they congregate, under a canopy of natural beach umbrellas. Surface plugs worked slowly along the edges of the shelter draw bass out, and you can have a steady pick all day long. Though bass rarely roam far from their established territory, they'll move out of the shade on overcast days or during low light periods. At those times, topwater lures are snapped up as far as 20 to 30 feet from the cover. What's great about that pond is the small number of fishy hangouts. You pretty much know where the fish are. Interestingly, the smallest lily field seems most productive, both in quantity and quality of bass. Those pads sit in about three feet of water, but the bottom suddenly drops off to over six feet. So, even under shallow water conditions, an alert angler looks for cover near deeper water.

Late in the season many shallow ponds get choked with sub-surface weeds. Look for spots where a thick carpet of vegetation grows to within a foot or so of the surface. If it's thick enough, bass don't go very deep to shade their eyes from the sun's harsh rays. They seem to lay about a foot below the weed tops, even in water up to 8 feet. That puts them only 2 feet from the surface, a range from which they can be artfully teased and taunted into striking an apparently hapless victim struggling to get down in the same cover your quarry calls home.

Each of these surface lures will produce under the right circumstances.

Arthur Gordon, a neighbor/fishing partner, and I discovered this sort of action out of desperation. It was late August, and the usually productive spots on one of our regular waters were completely clogged with the thickest aquatic vegetation imaginable. We took a couple of fish on the drop with plastic worms and spinnerbaits. But if we had to resort to a retrieve, even our weedless offerings merely tangled and fouled in the soggy forest. We suspected the area was loaded with fish. If the lure didn't splash down right over their heads, though, it was apparently lost in the greenery and went undetected by the most determined predators. Mainly to avoid the snagging problems, we turned to topwater plugs and took one largemouth after another, the rest of the day.

Those bass were probably curious about the sounds from above. Poking their heads out for a look, it was easy to locate their targets—slow targets, so vulnerable, the critters just had to take a swipe. We began to think there was no such thing as a retrieve that was too slow. Perhaps that's because it takes time to find a bait in submerged jungles, but I think the bass simply get fed up watching a victim so easy to catch. I say this because most of our catch fell for plugs sitting dead in the water. Some grabbed just as the offering was twitched and might escape.

It's possible to get along with many fewer surface plugs than most of us tote around. Colors, for example, rarely seem to make much difference. Probably a fish looking up sees only the plug's silhouette against the sky. The colors are obscured in shadow. In general, I started using mostly dark colors, thinking the silhouettes would be more visible under a variety of conditions. I still follow that stragegy, but wouldn't put any money on it being best.

You needn't carry plugs in every size, either. Bass don't seem intimidated by relatively big baits. Eight and nine inchers will often assault plugs nearly half their size, but lunkers seem to turn up their noses at anything less than 3½ or 4 inches. Still larger plugs are said to get the attention of the biggest fish. This is true, and the big bait, big fish tactic should be taken seriously wherever the water has a resident population of huge bass. Locally, though, few such places exist. The angler persisting with 5½ and 6 inch plugs will get that rare lunker, but the action between fish will be slow indeed. On the other hand, largemouths of 5 to 6 pounds show little reluctance to smash a 3½ inch plug. So, you can satisfy the search for a trophy, as well as the wish for continuous action, by sticking with middle range offerings.

As you might guess, my favorite topwater plug is the 3½ inch Rapala. Floating minnow types generally have a unique advantage. They can be worked in a variety of fish enticing ways. Take the time to learn what these lures can do; it's worth it. They can be waddled on top with a slow retrieve. A bit more speed and they dig down a little, bulging the surface. They can be popped with a quick upward twitch of the rod. You can work one like a stickbait, jerking it left, then right: "walking the dog," it's called. While a stickbait stays on top, the minnow dives a drop when moved, resurfacing between rod manipulations.

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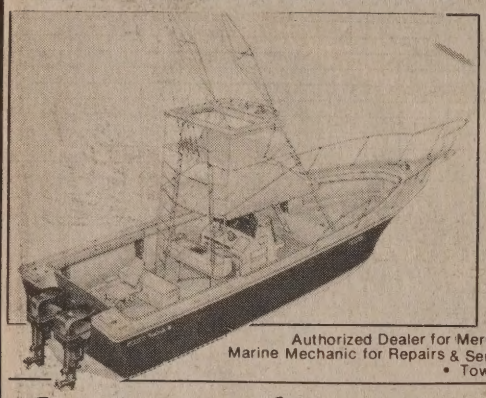

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So, they seem to have a slightly more realistic action. There's always the stop and go retrieve, too. At one time or another, each method is lethal, as long as the angler remembers to pause and let the poor minnow rest on the surface for a few seconds, every so often. A half minute isn't too long. Why the special Rapala preference? It's wooden body rides high, making it visible to the fisherman at the end of the longest cast. For the kind of manipulations mentioned, it's imperative to see the plug responding.

Sometimes you'll do better with a floating, deep diver, just because they dart closer to a bass' nose, when worked the same as a standard Rapala. But I found them most productive on days when fish were interested in a very, very slow, steady retrieve. Due to the big diving lips, these plugs wiggle seductively when they're hardly moving forward.

Well, what about all those famous surface lures: the stickbaits, poppers, chuggers, and noisemakers? They're great too, but mainly when there's a wind ripple or chop on the water that camouflages the quiet plugs from the quarry. With a mild to moderate ripple, my first choice is a stickbait, having propellers fore and aft. There's just enough extra noise to draw the attention of any bass lurking in the neighborhood. If that doesn't work, try a Jitterbug, or some similar gurgler, on a slow to moderate, but always steady retrieve. Maybe it's because they look unrealistic to a bass getting the chance to really eyeball one of these enticers; but they simply don't get hit much unless they are in continuous motion. My sons use Jitterbugs much more than I (on slick water also) simply because they like to watch the plugs bobble along and get blasted. There are days when noisemakers really click and the boys outfish me because they cover more water in the same time that I'm playing with a Rapala or stickbait. So, you might want to experiment a little here and not fall into any new ruts.

When the water's really choppy, we go to poppers or chuggers and make as much of a commotion as possible. Poppers that have tail sections that hang beneath the surface, at rest, seem to do best. Stir up a racket. Let the plug sit, tail down, a few seconds, and repeat the procedure. Don't rush. Retrieve some line and try again. When this tactic works, the surface either explodes on the strike or the plug just vanishes as a bass runs off with the drooping tail.

Buzzbaits, big bladed and tandem spinnerbaits, bulging the surface at top speed sometimes do better than plugs, but not often, and not nearly as much fun results at the reel end of the line. You may as well go back to what got boring in the first place. By all means, if you want only trophy largemouths, stick with worms and spinners near the bottom. For exciting, adrenalin pumping fun—go for the top.

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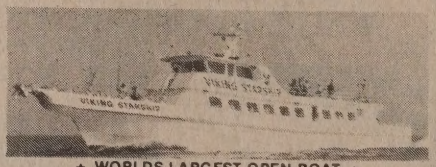

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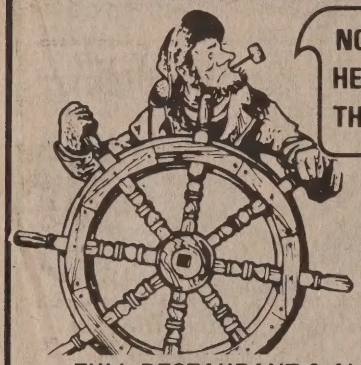

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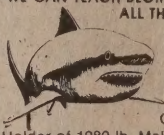

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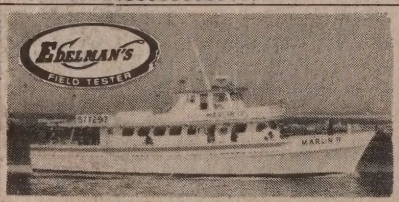

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After a dry spell, a few giant tuna were caught at Montauk last week. School tuna action is building to a frenzy, hopefully to equal the legendary action of two years ago. Porgy fishing is getting better daily and fluke catches are on the increase. More bass reports filtering in, with fish 30 to 50 lbs. taken last week. Bluefish are solid at Cartwright and Block Island, day and night.

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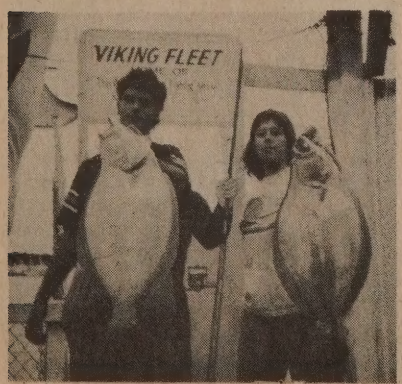
On the charter boat scene, tuna provided lots of action, with most of the fish caught first thing in the morning. Bluefish at Block Island and Cartwright are in pretty solid. FLuking is picking up.

Captain Mike Bentivegna, Jr. is steadily fishing for school tuna on the **Pronto**, finding a few days red hot and a couple of slow days here and there. Neil Goetz of New Hyde Park and Paul Coskell were among those who tried for tuna during the week. Captain Mike found Sunday afternoon a particularly hot time, despite the pouring rain when he fished the Butterfish Hole with Steve Repka, his son Pete and Bob Frank on Steve's boat Sea Rock. The group fished late, starting at 8AM and catching the end of the bite.

Captain Mike Albronda of the charter boat **Montauk** reports excellent school tuna action during the past week with some surprises. On Saturday, a white marlin which later weighed 69 lbs., grabbed a tuna bait fished on 40 lb. test line. The fish



Jay Sanborn and Theresa Frey each display 8 lb. class fluke taken on a recent 1/2 day trip aboard the Montauk based open boat "Viking Starlite."

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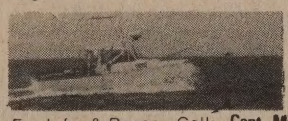
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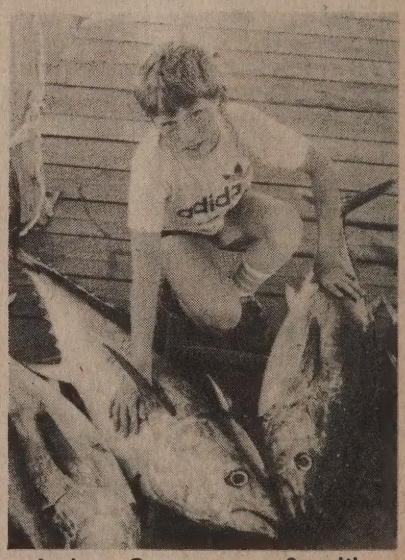

Andrew Carman, age 8, with bluefin tuna caught aboard the private boat A Team, while fishing out of Montauk Marine Basin.

jumped at least 25 times. During the rain on Sunday, the tuna went into a feeding frenzy: Rick Osweiski and his friends boated 10 bluefins and yellowfins, top weight 110 pounds.

Captain Howard had an unusual experience on the **Reel Magic** on Sunday, with a group from Lilco. Joe Genova hooked up with a bluefin at 8:10AM on an Ava 27 diamond jig, the size of the fish, as yet unseen, necessitating a chase. Five hours later, and many miles from the tuna fleet, Joe's friend Peter took over the fight, which went 3 hours and 5 minutes more. When the fish was finally seen, estimated at about 200 lbs., the area was hit by a squall during which the line parted. The Jigmaster used in the battle has been sent for repairs and the two men will never be the same.

Captain John DeMaio has been fishing inshore and offshore over the past week. Thursday's all day trip on the **Vivienne** boated about 50 bluefish in the morning and 21 fluke later in the day. Heaviest fluke was 8 lbs., however over a dozen were in the 3 to 6 lb. range. While Friday and Saturday's tuna trips were on the slow side, the fishing improved dramatically on Sunday, when two anglers put five tuna in the boat and broke off seven, in frenzied action. There were so many tuna anxious to take the bait that only one line could be put in the water at a time.

Captain Jim Flowers reported another excellent week with school tuna on the **Mary-A** mainly fishing the Butterfish Hole (south of the Point). Last Tuesday, 9 bluefins to 93 lbs. were caught by the Zublin party, while on Thursday the Schappack group caught 7. Since the action slowed down on Saturday, the group opted for bluefish after catching 3 tuna. Thirty-three bluefish were caught on Outer Cartwright using butterfish for bait and 6 to 8 oz. drails. Sunday, the tuna fishing was red hot again with steady action all day for the Forest Group from Mahpack, NY, who caught 15 yellowfin and bluefins to 70 lbs. Captain Flowers noted many skipjacks now taking bait meant for schoolies.

Captain Joe McBride of the charter boat **My-Mate** reports continued good inshore bluefishing at both Block Island and Cartwright, with excellent school tuna to 100 lbs. at the Butterfish Hole. Captain McBride has a few October dates available. Call him for information.

Captain Ron Grandinetti has been fishing in porgy country all week on the **Julie III**. On Saturday Artie Wherman on a combination trip, caught 60 bluefish to 17 lbs., then loaded up on porgies. All fish were located at Cartwright. On Sunday, the **Julie III** fished at Great Eastern and the Point where over 800 porgies were caught despite pouring rain by Harold Kimbel and his friends. They went to 3¼ lbs. in weight. Friday's trip with Tony Lopez at Block Island bagged 75 fluke from 2 to 4 lbs. plus about 60 medium size bluefish.

Captain Jerry McGrath has been into good action with school tuna on the **Nostalgia II** with mostly bluefin and an occasional yellowfin, to 60 lbs. Glenn Boolat from Whitestone and his friends were on Saturday's trip, while Bob Zunno of Selden and his friend Ian were in on Sunday's hot action, leaving the fish biting after boating four.

Also into continuing hot school tuna ction, the charter boat **Fortuna** with Capt. Rich Wight used live bait on Sunday to bag 13 schoolies, to 50 lbs., with a group from the Levittown Fish Co.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** has been fishing tuna daily with tuna to 100 lbs. boated every trip. Some of the anglers taking advantage of this hot action include Mike Holm of Brooklyn, Mr. Jameson and his son from Nyack, NY and ick Mackowski. There are a couple of unexpected openings on the **Adios** due to cancellations on Sept. 3rd and 5th. Call for charter information on this hot tuna action.

Jim Grubb fished on his 21 ft. Mako, My Toy II, on Saturday with friends Randy Hagerman and Doug MacVittie. The trio boated three bluefins to 85 lbs. (all the little boat would hold). Jim noted that the fish were loaded with sand eels. Jim further noted that vast schools of bonito have moved onto the tuna grounds.

Bob Devlin fished three miles south of the Butterfish Hole, taking advantage of the tuna chum to locate and boat a 205 lb. mako on Saturday. Rocky Point veterinarian Dr. George Dubato trailered his craft to Montauk early last week, returning with a 95 lb. yellowfin on the Seaduck.

Using clam bait, a group from **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** filled their skiff with over 175 good size porgies on 8-20. Jose De Los Santos, Jesse Nieves, Willie Ramurez and Isidore Estevez fished near buoy 3 off the Point. The group claimed best action

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was between 11AM and 2PM. Mike Saunders of London, England, began his week's fishing spree at **Uihlein's** with a catch of six "monster bluefish" caught at Southwest Ledge—the largest blue weighed in at exactly 18 pounds.

Maureen Sennefelder spoke of fluke, blues and tuna brought into **Gone Fishing Marina** the past weekend. Porgies seem to have settled into the Great Eastern area, with local fishermen scoring big. SThe Chudosky brothers filled every fish box and cooler on their family boat Sea Team, fishing for blues using herring and drails. The blues ranged from 8 to 15 lbs. On Saturday Don Auriemma tried the south side for fluke, locating 28 nice size ones ranging to 7 lbs. in weight. Don claimed the incoming tide was best time; squid and sand eels best bait. On Sunday Frank Hoffman brought three tuna to the marina, weighing 38, 48 and 109 pounds.

The marina based charter boats **Rainbow II, Caprice, Alyssa Ann**, fared well: Capt. Bob Storc, **Caprice** on Thursday's charter with Maurice Curtis and Sinclair Butler fished the "Alaska Grounds" where over two bushels of porgies, top weight 3 lbs., were located. On Friday, Tom Camastro and his friends first loaded up with Cartwright bluefish to 12 lbs., then fished at Midway for fluke to 4½ lbs. Sunday's group which included Dennis Bierly of Binghampton and his friend first fished the Butterfish Hole where the pair caught three bluefin tuna to 60 lbs. and then tried Cartwright on the way back for 30 bluefish to 13 lbs. Dennis had won this fishing trip, courtesy of the Montauk Captain's Association, by his nae being drawn at a winter boat show.

Captain Bill Ricca, fishing the Butterfish Hole on Saturday with Fred Sica and his friend on the **Alyssa Ann**, caught three bluefins to 65 lbs. along with a tiger shark which weighed 120 lbs., a stop at Cartwright put 25 monster bluefish in the boat to top off the trip. Sunday's group: Domo, Charlie, Howie, Phillie, Steven and Tony—all from the Daily News, fished Sunday, putting two yellowfins plus a 107 lb. bluefin in the boat. Unfortunately, three tuna were lost at boatside!

Captain Bob Rochetta fished south of the Point on Saturday, returning with a 187 lb. mako shark on the **Rainbow II.**

A potential world's record tuna in the women's division was caught aboard the "Hurry-Up" on Saturday. Lynette Pintaura (who caught a world record thresher shark aboard the same boat two years ago(used eight pound test line for her 49 lb. 1 oz. bluefin tuna. Shortly after this fish was boated, another tuna, much larger was hooked up, fought for 6 hours 20 minutes before breaking off. Nancy, speaking for **Captain's Cove Marina**, saw five beautiful stripers caught aboard the marina based boat Jenny D. The fish weighed between 35 and 53 lbs., took live bait presented by Danny D'Albora. Jim Humphrey caught a 210 lb. tuna on the family boat, Knee Deep, while Bill Buiton's tuna weighed in at 100 lbs., caught on the Grumpy. Dave McMahan located 22 large blues with his family on the Marie III. Local porgy anglers are doing very well.

A chat with Charlie Fuchs revealed an assortment of exotic species weighed at **Star Island Yacht Club** over the weekend. On Thursday, Dick Svoboda, fishing on the "Miss Marion" boated a giatn tuna which topped the scales at 735 lbs. The next day, Friday, Joe Braun caught a giant of 536 lbs. on the "Won Sun." No one knows where he fished, but Capt. "Hump" Clemmons located a 137 lb. swordfish for Pzuant Kachidorian on the marina based boat "Hamov" on Sunday. A white marlin, 71 lbs., was caught by Bert Goodman on the "Down Time" at the canyon, while one of 55 lbs. was caught on the "Spare Change" by Tony Knesich.

Captain Dorzbacher of the **Little Bear** feels that porgy fishing was off on Saturday because beautiful weather brought with it too much boat traffic. However, Sunday's rain kept all but the hardiest at home, allowing for great porgy fishing. Vergil Miller of Brooklyn caught 100 scup, while Nick Kapetonakis of the Waterview Restaurant in Howard Beach got 102. Captain Dusty expects this action to continue. If you're not having a cookout, come fishing on Labor Day!

The **Flying Cloud** has found steady, good porgy action with an occasional fluke, sea bass and blackfish. On Friday, Woodrow Carter of Roselle, NJ counted 87 scup in his bucket; Bob Harris of Newark, NJ caught 109; Sunday, Wallace Oakley bagged 73. Sunday's pool was taken by Frank Conde's 8 lb. blackfish, with a 6 lb. fluke caught by Mark Tsimis of Uniondale a runner-up. Captain Bird suggests coming out now; don't miss out on this hot action!

A group from **Edelman's** fished with Captain Greg Beacher on Friday: lou, Bob, Malcolm, Dr. Mel and Nick watched while Howard Kalka fought a giatn tuna (565 lbs.). The fish was caught aboard the "Jinx" used by Captain Beacher for large charters until the new **Dawn** arrives. The tuna, the 33rd giant caught by Captain Beacher this season, was gaffed after a 45 minute battle.

Saturday's trip on the Bullet, with Lou Rosado and friends was unproductive for tuna, both on bait and trolling. However, a sharking trip a

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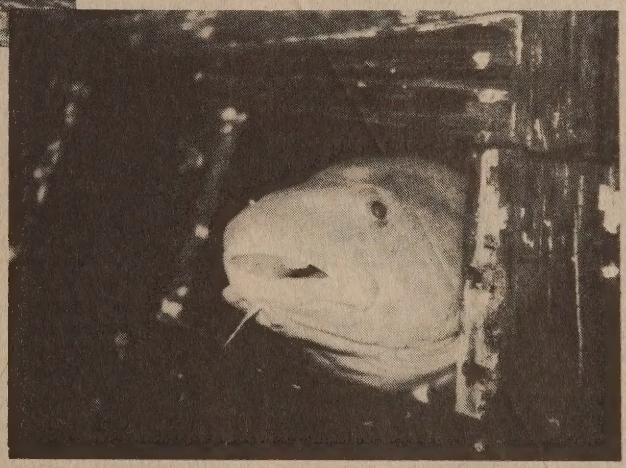

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Four-year-old Geoffrey Kovesdy and his "first fish," a snapper blue taken aboard the family boat, Little Dipper. Subscriber photo.

the end of the day resulted in a few runoffs plus a released 150 lb. dusky.

SOUTH FORK

Buck, spokesman for **Harbor Marina** at **Three Mile Harbor** spoke of pretty good bluefishing at Napeague Harbor over the weekend. The 2-4 pound blues jumped on trolled umbrella rigs. Loads of snappers at all docks keeping the kids busy. Buck heard of rumors of weakfish, nothing confirmed.

Captain Artie Lach reports steady porgy action on the **Wilhelric II** with most anglers getting about 50 porgies a man, filling five gallon buckets (each bucket holds about 40 pounds) While Thursday was a fair day, Friday's fares connected well, with at least two fares catching over 50 fish. On Saturday, a load of scup was located at Gardiner's in the afternoon with some anglers returning with as many as 70 porgies. Sunday was a decent day, fishing local bays. Next weekend the tide and moon will be right for the 4,000 fish spot, make your plans accordingly. Fluking (Wednesday's only) is pretty good at Gardiner's Captain Lach is still looking for a few good anglers (you know who you are!) for an overnight special fluke and porgy trip. Call Captain Lach for information.

Over 100 porgies were caught Saturday by Bernie Parks of N.Y. City who, with his friends, rented a skiff at **Bayview Marine and Tackle**. The group fished Cedar Point, using clam bait. Since several summer weaks hit clam bait fished for porgies, it might be adviseable to try high low rigs for better weakfish catches. Two to three pound blues are pretty steady at Crow Shoals, taking trolled umbrella rigs. Snappers are everywhere, with some large ones mixed with them this week. Those fishing bottom from docks and pier are finding lots of eels taking worm bait.

Bill Denninger, spending the week at **Sherry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** in **Southampton** tried some fluking during the week. On Wednesday, not only did the family locate a bucket full of fluke, but six year old Lisa connected with the first, also the biggest, 3½ pounds! Over the weekend Ron Woodward and his crew "Ronnie's Angels" tried their luck on tuna, returning with a 40 pound fish. John Donnahue and a couple of friends jigged 40 nice bluefish on Saturday, working just outside Shinnecock Inlet.

At **Speck's Bait & Tackle**, Thom Speckenback spoke of continued good fluking in the East Channel, with some catches reported at the west bar outside the inlet. Lots of bluefish chasing bunker inside and outside the inlet. A few rumors of stripers are trickling in. Thom has received mixed reports of fluke at Montauk (south side), however, sea robbins have become a pest here. Very good porgy action at Gardiner's Island. Offshore, tuna and dolphin are good, with sharking showing signs of life, possibly indicating a strong fall run.

State Assemblyman Robert Gaffney is researching legislation pertaining to dragging in bays, ocean, and L.I. Sound and is looking for input from our readers. Contact him at the HUB Building, P.O. Drawer 1004, Port Jefferson Station, N.Y. 11776

The **Shinnecock** charter boat **M&M's** has been finding steady action with dolphin at the lobster pots at the 41 fathom fingers, with all you want. An average of 30-40 fish per trip are taking bait on light tackle ranging in size from 3-12 pounds. On Thursday, Bob Tint and his wife enjoyed a tuna charter. Tuna have been averaging a half dozen a trip, with all action at the Butterfish Hole, using bait.

Fluke action at **Corr's Mariners Cove** remains decent, with the run of fluke remaining constant. Over the weekend, with 10 rentals out each day, anglers returned with as few as nine, as many as 24 fluke per boat. Outside a few brown sharks were caught and released. The marina

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	7:55	8:10	8:45	9:05	8:35	8:50	9:25	9:45	11:55	—	11:20	11:35	7:40	8:00	8/29
FRI.	8:35	8:50	9:30	9:45	9:15	9:30	10:10	10:25	12:15	12:40	—	12:05	8:20	8:45	8/30
SAT.	9:15	9:30	10:05	10:25	10:00	10:10	10:50	11:05	12:55	1:15	12:20	12:40	9:05	9:25	8/31
SUN.	9:55	10:05	10:45	11:00	10:40	10:50	11:25	11:45	1:35	1:45	1:00	1:20	9:45	10:00	9/1
MON.	10:30	10:45	11:20	11:35	11:20	11:30	—	12:05	2:00	2:10	1:35	1:55	10:25	10:40	9/2
TUES.	11:10	11:25	—	12:00	11:55	—	12:20	12:45	2:25	2:30	2:15	2:35	11:05	11:20	9/3
WED.	11:45	—	12:15	12:35	12:05	12:35	1:05	1:30	2:55	3:05	2:55	3:15	11:45	—	9/4
THURS.	12:00	12:20	12:55	1:20	12:40	1:15	1:50	2:15	3:30	3:40	3:35	4:00	12:00	12:30	9/5

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
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On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
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Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 8/29	6:22	7:39
FRI. 8/30	6:23	7:37
SAT. 8/31	6:24	7:35
SUN. 9/1	6:25	7:33
MON. 9/2	6:26	7:32
TUE. 9/3	6:27	7:31
WED. 9/4	6:28	7:30

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 8/29	7:40PM	5:11AM
FRI. 8/30	8:04PM	6:18AM
SAT. 8/31	8:26PM	7:23AM
SUN. 9/1	8:46PM	8:25AM
MON. 9/2	9:07PM	9:26AM
TUE. 9/3	9:28PM	10:27AM
WED. 9/4	9:52PM	11:28AM

Moon Phases

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The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
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Fri.	5:40	11:40	5:50	—
Sat.	6:20	12:05	6:40	12:30
Sun.	7:05	12:50	7:30	1:15
Mon.	7:50	1:40	8:15	2:00
Tues.	8:30	2:20	9:00	2:45
Wed.	9:15	3:05	9:55	3:40
Thurs.	10:00	3:50	10:30	4:15

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South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

The good news concerning the past week's fishing revolved around bluefish which provided good action out of both Fire Island and Moriches Inlets. Fluking was off in both bays though reports indicate a poor tide situation was the culprit in Moriches Bay and Inlet. Offshore fishing continued its poor pace with one or two exceptions while snappers continue to please at the other end of the spectrum.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Over 600 anglers participated in the First Annual Moriches Fluke Derby held this past weekend. We'll have complete details in a follow up story which will appear in next week's Fisherman.

Capt. Ron Schleuter of the **Alma Fleet** called the fluking up and down this past week and weekend. Best fishing has been at the mouth of the inlet and on the inlet bars though lots of small blues hindered the fishing on Sunday. Crabs also plagued the fishing at times of slack water. Most of the fish being taken in the inlet area are keepers.

Over at **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Gary Grunseich said that the weekend's late tide resulted in slow action for most rental customers. He did note that anglers will have ideal tide conditions for this upcoming Labor Day weekend. The most impressive fluke of the week taken from the station was a 5½ pounder taken on Friday at the New Cut by Mike D'Alessio. On Saturday, George Malizis thought he had a shot at the contest money until he was informed by Gary that his 3.1 pound flounder was of the winter variety. The big flattie grabbed a squid strip meant for a fluke near buoy 39. Lots of snappers and blue claws with the best crabbing being done on baited lines and rings rather than traps.

FISHING STATIONS

Helmuth Rich and Gene Cooney with an exceptional catch of fluke made out of Silly Lily Fishing Station in E. Moriches.

Tony Vicaro's 'Bimini Bum' fished 66 miles SE of Moriches Inlet over the weekend. Tony, with his son Tony, Jr. and friend Claude Jenkins, trolled three dolphin on mullet then added a 108 pound bigeye tuna and a 52 pound white marlin. The tuna went for al All Eye trolling lure; the marlin liked a green machine trolled on 30 lb. tackle. Thirteen year old Tony Jr. fought the marlin for 20 minutes. Tony reported that the 'Consultation' owned by Dr. Pastore hooked up with a blue marlin in the same area. The fish was fought for 1 hour 22 minutes before it broke off.

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GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Over at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello spoke of a load of 1-3 pound blues in Moriches Inlet over the weekend, particularly on Sunday. Small blues have been wire lined and taken by casters on the Inlet's west bar on a steady basis. Moriches Bay fluking has been pretty good for those working the last half of incoming and beginning of the Ebb. Most boatmen missed the better tides this weekend. Locally, no word on any summer run weakfish or kingfish coming from Great South Bay this week. Some small fluke being taken off of local docks in Patchogue and Blue Point but Paul asked that we remind anglers that there is a 14" minimum on fluke and most of these fish are well below the legal size limit. Crabbing improved since last week with some real biggies being taken. Snappers are in full swing and keeping everyone happy on the docks. The only offshore news came from one customer who reported chunking and using bait to take several yellowfin tuna in 140 feet of water SE of Moriches. The only steady offshore action has been with bonito and false albacore.

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Al Colban of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** reported picky fluking most of the week at the inlet. A couple of big weaks livelined on snappers by one customer late in the week at the Lighthouse. A small showing of summer run weakfish at buoy 15-Ocean Bay Park, Buoy 30-Sayville and in West Channel on squid strips and small fixed hook diamond jigs. For ocean going sinker bouncers, the Fire Island Reef is well populated with nice sized sea bass. Jennifer Boeck checked in with 33 snappers taken from a local dock on Saturday.

Some decent fluking on Wednesday but picky fishing through the weekend according to Lisa Cioffi of **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**. A few weaks being taken on live snappers along South Beach between the lighthouse and the Wreck Buoy and some blackfish reported from Kismet Reef and the Sore Thumb. Snappers and crabs remain good at local docks. No offshore news at all this week.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** said that fluke fans who worked the afternoon flood on Friday and Saturday did a decent job near the Bell Buoy on sandeel and squid combos. One sharpie managed several nice fluke along with a couple of big weaks on live snappers along the Oak Beach shore. There was good bluefish action in 90 feet of water south of the light for chummers and trollers with most of the fish falling into the 5 to 7 pound class. Diamond jiggers reported some good scores south of Patchogue. A few bonito are beginning to mix with the blues. Snappers and crabs are very good locally. On the offshore scene there were

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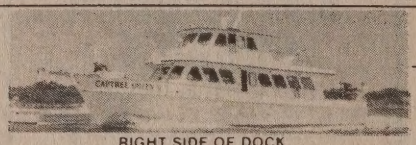

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reports of some bluefin tuna trolled in the middle of the Compass Rose. Skipjack are around in good numbers. The only good report from the Canyon concerned the catch of 16 yellowfins up to 100 pounds, a 100 pound mako and a couple of hammerheads taken by a boatman who preferred anonymity. He has been doing a job working the west side of the Canyon by chumming with butterfish, spearing and sandeels and using butterfish bait. His latest score was made late Thursday thru Thursday night. Carl reminded that he is well stocked with butterfish bait and bunker chum for this weekend's upcoming Si-Tex Bluefish Tournament. He suggested phoning ahead to reserve any bait and chum needed for the event.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Casey Lee** labelled the fluking picky with 2-3 keepers a man the rule on most trips this week. The largest fluke entered in the boat's Free Fishing For Life contest was taken on Tuesday by Nancy Minski. The doormat weighed in at 8 pounds 1 ounce. A reminder from Neil that he will make the switch to Bay blackfishing beginning on Wednesday, September 4th.

Over at **Captree Bait and Tackle**, Bobby Sprenger spoke of plenty of snappers on Fisherman's Walk right out in front of the bait shop and also at the Jones Beach Piers. Also some fluke being picked from the Captree Piers but the real news was the big job done on flounder at the Jones Beach pier on Friday morning. Bob mentioned that bluefishing had settled into a steady pace for the open boat fleet and reminded that the upcoming snapper derby is slated for September 7th and 8th. Registration is on the days of the contest and there is no fee. There will be 18 prizes awarded each day at Captree and also at the Jones Beach Piers. The contest will include divisions for 6 and under, 7 to 11, and 12 thru adult.

Capt. Carl Passero of the **Captree** open boat **Miss Captree** said that night bluefishing has been generally good. Friday saw everyone pack it in early with full bags of 2 to 8 pound choppers. Saturday was slow but Sunday was a good night with fishing done 1 hour southwest of the inlet and catches averaging 15 fish per man. Of the fluking, Carl labelled it fair with the best fishing being found at the inlet on the last of the flood and the first of the ebb. Wreck fans should note that the boat will begin sailing full days at 8AM daily beginning on Wednesday, September 11 for sea bass, porgies and blacks. Carl will concentrate his efforts on Fire Island's wrecks and reefs.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Cap-**

tree open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** reported super night bluefish action all week long with the exception of Saturday. He voiced similar sentiments concerning the day fishing with Saturday again the exception. Some of this week's hi-hook catches ran as high as 70-80 blues. Most ranged between 2 and 8 pounds.

Capt. Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** labelled the fluking as sporadic. Best catches are being made between buoys 2 and 4 on the outside bar at the inlet. Incoming tide is mandatory.

From **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Fred Austin reported fair fluking at the Inlet on Wednesday. He put 9 fish to 2½ pounds aboard his Waterwitch via sandeels. He had reports of big blues trolled in 50' of water S of the Jones Beach Tower on the weekend and sea bass at buoys 1 and 5 in West Channel and on Kismet Reef. Offshore and canyon fishing remained poor with most of the local blue water set having made the run east to Montauk to cash in on the east end tuna run. Sunday was real quiet as heavy rains kept most anglers in the barn.

Speaking from **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani had some big weakfish to report. Early Friday AM, Pete Mancini livelined bunker to the tune of a 14.4 pound weakfish. He paired it with another of 12½ pounds. Jim Dacunto had an 8½6 pound weak to go with bass of 10.12 and 13.10. Several other boatmen reported taking weaks to 14 pounds on live snappers and bunker in the vicinity of the WR Buoy over the course of the week and weekend. Best bet for fluke continues to be on the last half of the flood tide between the bridge and the Bell buoy. Flounder continue to be taken in deep water at the Sore Thumb Pocket. Fish ranged to 1¼ pounds and chum is important. Most snappers in the area now 7 to 9 inches and real good crabbing underway. There was a good shot of 4 to 7 pound blues in 100 feet of water south of Patchogue for jiggers and chummers this week. Mike also reminded that anglers competing in the weekend's bluefish tournament should phone ahead to reserve their supplies of bait and chum.

Chester Shew over at **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** reported that George McCarthy fishing aboard Joe Braun's Won-Son boated a 686 pound giant tuna at Montauk on Friday. In so doing he posted a new Squaw Island Fishing Club record for giant tuna. Closer to home, George Mills clam chummed bass of 9 and 10 pounds at the Nautical Mile. On Thursday, Les Berrent and Paul Mully clam chummed 4 bass from 9 to 18 pounds. Al Speahr checked in with an 8 pound weak and 4 nice fluke on Saturday. Chester spoke of some good porgy action near the WR Buoy and very good snapper fishing at Venice Marina and Tanner Park. He tabbed Sunday as a washout due to the heavy rains.

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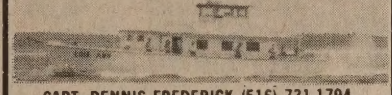

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Over at **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera labelled the fluking this week as picky although he did note that some nice fish were taken this week on the top of outgoing water at the north end of the RM Bridge on live snappers. Joe Carrola aboard his 'JC' ran 145 degrees to 135 feet of water and loaded up with big blues in the 10 to 15 pound range. Frank added that the Virginia has surrendered some nice cod of late and there is some very good sea bass action underway on local wrecks.

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West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

This week's fishing could only be described as strange, up and down, hot and cold with occasional hot action inshore on blues and optimistic turn in canyon fishing. Much of the water in the area continues to be swamped with the green algae which is playing some part in this play. Snappers and blue claws have become a mainstay, while decent mixed bags of flounder, sand porgies and pin bass are being taken around the bridges. Fluking is picky with some decent catches being made here and there.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

Starting out with **Causeway Bait and Tackle** over in Wantagh, Mike tells of fair fluke catches of 3 to 12 keepers per boat, best on the high change. Spearing worked best on the east side of Jones Inlet from buoy 2 to the CG station. Flounder have been o the slow side from 1/2 to ¾ lbs. with lots of sand porgies at the Big M and the Short Beach CG Station and at the Wantagh Park bulkhead. Sand worms have been working best on incoming. Snappers continue good up to 14 inches on small sand eels and spearing, best at high water. Blacks starting on incoming water at the Jones Beach jetty, Meadowbrook Bridge and construction dock on green crab and clam. Pete Fama bagged a 6 lb. 2 oz. and a 4 lb. 9 oz. blackfish Friday from shore at West End 2. Big weaks around the bridges at night on live bunker or chunks or live snapper down deep. On Saturday John Uher and Pete Cronenmeyer had an 11 lb. 14 oz. and a 7 lb. 4 oz. weakfish at the Meadowbrook Bridge, dropping another.

Garon's Tackle in Merrick described the fluking as spotty, yet fish are available said Gary in Merrick Bay on sand eels or killies. Sand porgies are a good item at most of the bridges on worm or clam, while the bluefishing remains good at Cholera, all methods. The Yankee Wreck continues to provide shark action. These are browns, hammerheads and a few mako.

Out of Freeport, Captain Mike Miller of the charter boat **Apus II** called his results okay at the canyon this week, though it's still tough with the water starting to clean up from the green tide. His charter boated 6 yellowfin tuna to 60 lbs. and 2 bigeyes

to 150 lbs. on plastic. They also took one sword at night on squid. Mike also said there are yellowfin around the Tower passing through. He also read a lot more tuna in the canyon down deep, which tended to stay down.

We heard from Bob at the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** of a lot of blues being jigged offshore from Fire Island to Jones Inlet with Cholera being great for chummers fishing bait down deep. A lot of bigger blues on the bottom along with sea bass. Bob called the fluking picky to good with an occasional tuna taken offshore. The **Super Spray II** has been picking away on larger inlet fluke on its 2 trip a day schedule and is also having very good night bluefishing.

A call from the **Starstream II** told of fair to good bluefish action on the weekend with Friday and Saturday night's trips being very good and action Friday super to the east off of Jones Tower and Gilgo in 70 to 75 feet of water. Fish have been running 2 to 7 lbs. with an occasional larger pool winner.

Word from the **Capt. Lou Fleet** is that the best fluking this past week has been on the flood tide, with fish up to 6 lbs. The 6 lber. was caught by 9 year old Kevin Moss of Bellmore. His pal, Sheid had 5 keepers on one trip.

Aboard the **Capt. Andy II** this week, fares continue to pick up a mixed bag of flounder, pin bass and sand porgies.

Captain Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** told of very good night bluefish trips, fish to 7 lbs. The daytime fluke trips have been spotty. Thursday and Friday had very good results in Jones Inlet with spearing and sand eels but things slowed on Saturday. Incoming has been best. The inlet's water has remained green but seemed to be clearing a bit on Saturday he said.

A call from Captain Sy of the **Blue-fin Fleet** provided info that his two boats found continued very good bluefishng this past week with some bare spots in-between. Fish have gone to 15 lbs. Bronx angler Tom Bessey bagged a 15 lber. Russ Brousseau of Hicksville had an 11 lber. John Neilson of NYC was high hook of the week with 27. Bill Mansbart of Hicksville had 18 and Glen Farley had 17. Action has been to the east and southwest with larger fish caught further off but not in great quantities. The week's action has been on both bait and jigs.

We heard from Capt. Pat of the charter boat **Lady J III** of good-very good bluefishing this week.Tuesday's trip for Banking Industries Club had blues on jigs SE of Cholera while on Wednesday it was the same fish in the same place for Economics Labs, White Plains. Thursday Freeport Fire Dept. jigged fish off Fire Island and on Friday the Fred Lindeborg group of North Bellmore baited and chummed blues south of Fl. It was blues on jigs Saturday for Forest Park Inn FC while on Sunday the Sue Raini group

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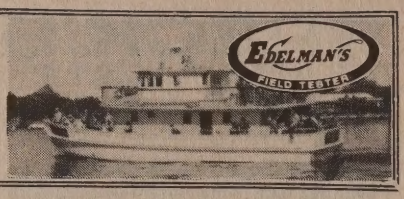

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Ronnie at **Hudson Point Fishing Station** told of a slow fluke week with those fish caught falling to killies. Flounder, sand porgies and pin bass at the bridges have been worthwhile, while blues at Cholera and the wrecks have been excellent. Ronnie knew of longfin alabacore and bigeyes taken in clear water east of the Texas Tower. Lots of bccs everywhere he said and browns, hammers and mako in 110 feet of water south of Jones.

From the charter boat **Captain Gary** we learn of Saturday's trip for the Wayne Leach group which had good fluking in the inlet and some hot sea bass fishing on an inshore wreck. The pool went to George Efrurt with a 3½ lb. fluke, while high hook honors went to Nick Morales with 8 keepers. Saturday's night trip saw excellent bluefishing for the Cecil Best gruop with over 360 choppers taken south of the Cholera. Cecil grabbed the pool with a 14 lber. plus a 12 lb. weak. High hook was Joe Fullmore with 28. Runner up was Carl Monroe with 24. Sunday's bluefishing turned into a fluke trip for the Theater Tavern of E. Rockaway. Mike S had a 3¾ lb. fluke. Jimmy and Janice were high hook with 14 keepers bewtween them while Bill Irizary had 17 all by himself.

Sailing out of Pt. Lookout, the **Capt. Al** has been fishing this week anywhere from Cholera to Gilgo on both day and night trips with good to excellent catches each trip, fish running 5 to 6 lbs. mostly. Thursday was the only day the boat fished other area which was on the Jersey side and fares had LOADS of smaller fish.

We hear from the **Miss Point Lookout** that there was some good fluking this week with of course some days better than others. Wednesday's PM trip saw Earl French take the pool with a 6 lb. weak on a fluke rig. Thursday's AM trip was good said the skipper and on Thursday's PM trip Grace Brolley took a 3½ lber. On Friday, regular Connie bagged a 3 lb. fluke. On Sunday's AM trip regular Big Bob Manning took a 2½ lber and the pool, while on the PM trip fluking picked up with regular Mike Hoffman high hook with 8 keepers. The night bluefishing was excellent said Ronnie During the week Steve Maneul bagged 41 blues. Bill Mason of Ft. Wayne, Indiana had 30. Rocky Bruno had 35. Steve Byrne had 2 full bags plus a 12 lb. weak. Bill Krug had 44, Cynthia Miller of Amityville, 48, with a 17 lb. pool fish and Pat Lanny of Amityville had 48. On Friday night's trip 14 fares had nearly 400 blues.

We learn from **Ed's Fishing Station** that fluking was good Saturday for the rental boats with best catches made west of the loop bridge and at buoy 20 and in Fundy Bay. One rental customer had 4 weaks in the inlet on a red jelly worm. Big blues on the bottom at Ambrose and smaller ones on top for trollers. Very good snappers and some bccs on the flats and traps. Lots of small porgies and

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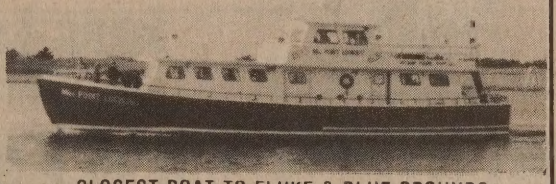

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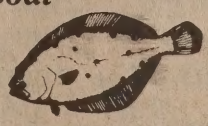

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Aboard the charter boat **Marie III** Tuesday's night trip had good blues at Cholera, 10 to 25 a man. Thursday's grop fishing 17 fathoms had bluefish 5 to 20 lbs. These were mostly big fish in the 10 to 20 lb. range taken on bait and chum t the tune of 8 to 15 a man. Friday's group jigged blues 15 to 30 a man SE of Gilgo, while Friday's night trip fished the same area having excellent results on bait. It was jigs Saturday south of Jones Tower for an average of 8 to 15 blues a man.

Over in Lynbrook, **Beckmann's Tackle** had the big shark news of the week with a customer hauling in to the a 300 lb. mako to be weighed in and mounted. The fish was caught Saturday on the private boat Pegasus II. Charlie told of plenty of big snappers all over in sthe 8 to 9 inch category and excellent bccs especially off the pilings with nets.

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Long Beach Boat Rentals told of hot and cold fluking in Reynolds and at Ambrose with best results at buoys 5 and 7 in Reynolds on live killies and sand eels on the last two hours of the flood. A few bigger fluke on live snappers at the ABB. Blues, weaks

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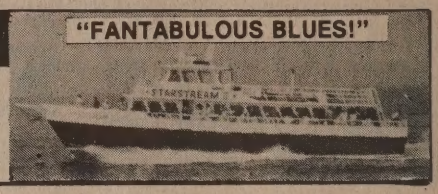

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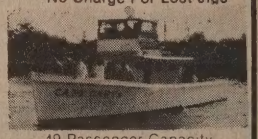

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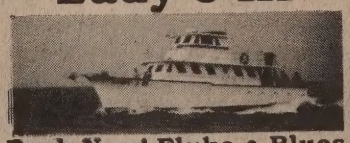

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and an occasional cow bass being livelined at the ABB . Smaller fish trolled on bucktails, same area. Herb and Mattie Berg along with Nick Sevene on their boat No Time bailed 95 blues 9 to 14 lbs. on Wednesday chumming at Cholera on bait. Snappers and bccs excellent in the area.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Word from **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** tells of some halfway decent fluking this week right in front of the old Long Beach high school. Blue claws and snappers have been very good in the Bay Park area. Hot and cold said Skip has been the only way he could describe the Ambrose and Tin Can fluking. Fishing on the **Capt. Al** Sunday evening, three of the fellows from the shop had 60 2 to 3 lb. blues fishing off FII.

The word from **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** on Jamaica Bay is that bridge fishermen working off both north and south channel bridges have been getting mixed bags of porgies, snappers and a few fluke.

The word from Neil at **Stella Maris Tackle** in Sheepshead Bay told of some good fluking in the bay and off Jersey on sand eels. The area off Rockaway and the black side of Ambrose have also been good and he weighed in a 6 and 7 lb. fluke on Saturday from this area. Bluefish on the party boats have been from good to great, fish mixed sizes. Very good porgy and snapper action in the bay and some blackfish starting. Plenty of bccs of all sizes throughout the bay in nets and traps.

A call from Capt. Fred of the charter boat **Avatar** told of a recent trip for Pat Allen taking 3 brown shark to 175 lbs. and 25 blues. The blues were chasing herring 35 miles off.

Word from Capt. Tom of the **Pilot II**, the area's blackfish ace, told of a lot of excellent blackfishing, specimens going 2 to 6 lbs. now on fiddlers and green crabs. There have also been good sized shots of porgies to 1 lb. periodically and good sea bassing, fish 1 to 1½ lbs. Super catches of ling were made Sunday, fish 2 to 3 lbs. Action has been in the channels area and wrecks off the Jersey coast. Evening bluefish trips have been very good with a lot of fish being taken at 17, going up to 12 lbs.

A call to Capt. Al Coley of the **Betty W. III** told of plenty of 1 to 3 lb. channel blues with some outsized pool winners. All the fish you want said Al. Fares also had some big weakfish Friday up to 15 lbs. On Sunday 40 short bass were also mixed in, all returned to the water to grow up. The night fishing has also been good with bigger fish. Please note the boat is now sailing Wednesday through Saturday only.

We had fluke in Gedney, New and Ambrose Channels said Capt. Butch of the **Zephyr** and the fish seem to be a lot bigger this week. Catches took a

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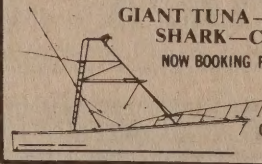
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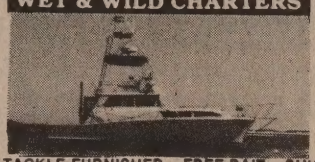

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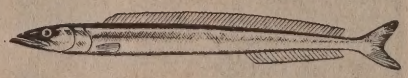

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slide with the rough weather around the weekend however. Butch noted there are also still fish in the back and catches are ranging from 5 to 20 a man, depending on the angler's skil and the day, fish running 2 to 7 lbs. on spearing and sand eels. Butch will be staying with the fluke as long as possible.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

A resurgence of western fluking and the frequent occurrence of large bluefish indicate that late summer fishing is right on schedule. Porgies continue to please in the entire region. Except for a rainy Sunday the weather throughout the week obliged local anglers as well.

WESTERN SOUND

John DiCuffa at **Jack's Bait** on **City Island** told us that local boats were killing porgies off Prospect and Sands Point while the larger craft were working scup all the way to Eatons and beyond. City Island Point and many other areas were full of giant bluefish with chunk baits and trolled tubes producing most fish.

The **Glen Cove Sport Shop** reported that there were a few bass in the area. Ron Oldenburg posted a 13.9 line-sider on Friday night. Snappers were everywhere with the shop's Snapper

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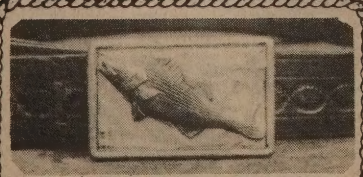

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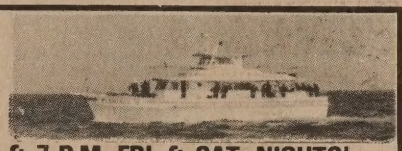

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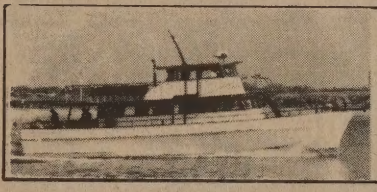

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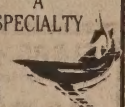

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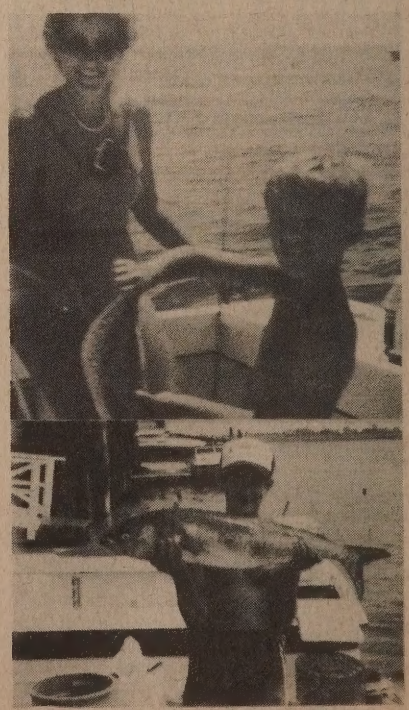
The **Klondike VIII** has been finding lots of bluefish action in areas close to her New Rochelle berth. Sunday crowd was 65 despite the rainy forecast.

The **Apache** from **City Island** is still working the big schools of scup in the Center Island, Lloyds, and Asharoken areas. Fishing is in 20-50 feet of water with a pail per fare the norm for the regulars. Fish are mostly mediums and there are odd weaks, fluke, and a few small blackfish scattered among the porgies.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

According to **Huntington Prop**, there were some fine fluke reports from the area. Ken Katz, John Sturmer, and Joe Mitola aboard the **Reelist** had 22 keepers from the Sand City channel, nine of which were over five pounds. Bob Cedar also said that



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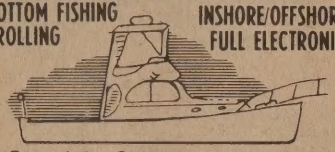

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there were some large porgies south of Eatons Buoy 13.

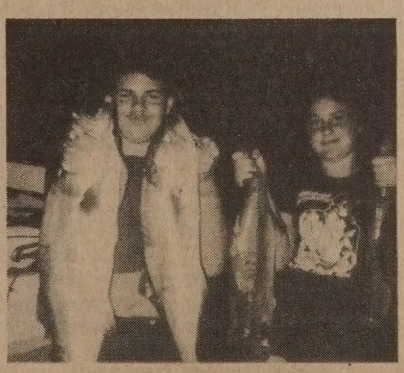
George Valentine at **Huntington Station**'s **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** liked the scup action in Smithtown Bay Buoys two and six with occasional small weakfish inside Sand City. Fluke were holding over at Lloyds Point and off the Golf Course on the outgoing. Lou Tinto showed up with a catch of 12 that included one 7.11 summer flounder. A lot of 12-14 pound blues were available for those trolling wire and bucktails off Huntington Harbor, Lloyd Harbor, Sand City, and Target Rock. One local fish, an 18.6 was holding fourth place in the Sound-wide angling contest. Also off Target Rock, Bill Mazur took a fine 11.8 weakfish.

Billy Collins has been doing very well with the **Ever Ready** in the Triangle area and east of Eatons. Wednesday and Thursday nights were super, but Friday was only fair. Daytime trips have consistently produced fish in the 3-6 pound class with a few fish over eight pounds.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** said succinctly, "Bluefish, Bluefish, and Bluefish." However, further up the line in **Port Jefferson** the **Caraftis Fishing Station** was extolling the porgy and fluke action. Some catches of twenty or more fluke were mentioned from the Pink House area and Miller Place with most fish from keeper sizes up to three pounds. There were a lot of 2-3 pound blues in the area around Buoy 9 and 11.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's Fishing Station** in **Mount Sinai** saw some excellent catches of fluke on Tuesday and Thursday, catches of roughly twenty or more keepers. However, a pair of small commercial operators apparently swept the area clean on Friday, according to Davenport, except for the beaches. Porgies were mostly one pound and smaller with enough big blue in the harbor to give the chunkers a good shot.

The **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** liked the bluefish action when boat traffic permitted. Live Liners and chunkers were doing well off Cedar Beach Inlet with fish to 15 pounds from early morn until sunrise. One 13.7 weakfish was posted west of Smithtown Bay and there were tautog on the Shoreham Pipeline.



Mathew Pizzonia and Patricia Kear with blues to 16 pounds taken on Ava 27 jigs near Oyster Bay on Long Island Sound. Subscriber photo.

NORTH FORK

Warren's in **Aquebogue** began the report with a few decent fluke around Mattituck. However, porgies still dominated the action according to that shop and according to Liz Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station**. Some larger fish mixed with the small scup near the Motel on Sunday, and there were weakfish as well, the best weak of the week around eight pounds.

Exceptional catches of several hundred porgies were posted at **Captain Marty's** on Saturday and Sunday, according to Sal Loria. Some large scup were mixed with fish in the Buoy 26-28 area with smaller fish around Buoy 18. John Mergeson again had a huge catch of scup and two weakfish, and one party of five from Brooklyn practically sank a skiff with scup. Involved were Steve Luthebek, Ray Perez, Willie Cook, Larry Holling, and Nap Apipes. They

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Kerry Stuven and her dad with blues to 15 lbs. and weaks to 12, taken in Huntington Bay. Subscriber photo.

were anchored and chumming with clams.

Jim Dunkirk at **Port of Egypt** in **Southold** said that the locals who still wanted fluke were headed for Montuak but that the private boats were finding porgies everywhere. Hortons had a lot of pins and small scup thru mid-week, but fishing to the east was better. Early blackfish were showing on the North Side of Plum and the Sea Boots was loading on small and medium porgies on the South Side.

The **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** felt that perseverance paid off with a few fluke off Buoys 6 nd 8 in Gardiner's Bay, but that the porgy and bluefish action was the real ticket.

Pete Izzo loaded up on Plum Island porgies with the **BoAnn** for Al Halsey's party on Sunday and added three fluke on livelined bergalls for an encore. The best of the mediums weighed 1.8 on the **Port of Egypt** scales.

Larry Porter of the **Brand X** said that both the **Brand X** and the **Peconic Star** were finding better porgy fishing than last year in the deep swift Connecticut waters to the east. These are larger fish from 1 to 3 pounds, and the fishing now is in 60-100 foot depths. It's hard work with the heavy lead and bergall interference, but the big scup are worth it. Fishing thoses areas is critically dependant on weather and tides.

Bob Ceglowski of the **Captain Bob** from **Mattituck** had some amazing porgy catches in the past couple of weeks with several double pail hauls by sharpies. Hinwood Arnette took one pool with a 4½ pound tautog and was high hook to boot. Thomas Raulz and E. Young both came in around the century mark with porgy hauls as well. These Mattituck fish are mostly mediums, but one fish just under three pounds was mentioned last week. Ceglowski will be extending his open boat runs to Saturdays, beginning on September 15th, giving him three sailings per week at 8 a.m. as a party craft.

Bluefish action continued to be

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super off Gardiner's last week with the **Nancy Ann** and **Nancy Ann II** pulling catches ranging from the low 100's to the 300's. Fish were mostly 2-5 pounds with an occasional fish around seven on every trip. Jigs in 3-6 ounce sizes were adequate, but many strikes seemed to come on the drop, particularly on bright days, so a lot of lightly hooked fish were dropped at the rail. Weakfish highlight most trips. Richie Jensen had a 13 pounder and Dan Buckley had a 12.8 on Friday, and Buckley had tiderunners of 11½ and 9½ on Saturday. Buckley told us that business was hot, and that the August full moon open boat bass trips have now been hooked up.

Captain Dave Brennan explored a deep water spot on Friday, finding quite a few porgies in the 3 lb. range (12 to a bucket size). Some blackfish and fluke also jumped on porgy baits. Most anglers caught anywhere from 3 to 10 jumbo scup per man, with 40 taken on the first drift. Since this spot usually produces later in the season, Captain Brennan feels that good things are in store the next few weeks! The **Peconic Star** tried the spot on Saturday with lesser results, thereby ending the trip at the standard tried and true spots to fill the buckets. Sunday's trip, in pouring rain was a "leap job" on a wreck west of Gardiner's Island, with most anglers putting over 50 porgies or more into their buckets—including lots of two pound fish. A surprise catch of a cople of weakfish, one of 8 lbs., rounded out the trip.

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Small blues have been hitting south fork beaches with noticeably more consistency while north shore beaches witnessed a recent surge in school bass activity. Things appear to be slowly warming up to September's start to the 'fall run'.

At **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello spoke of a pick of small blues on the east side of Moriches Inlet and plenty of blues from 2 to 4 pounds with a few larger taken on the east side of Shinnecock late last week and on the weekend. No word of any bass nor weakfish activity in these areas recently.

Further east, Chris Salb of **Bayview Marine and Tackle** in **Sag Harbor** spoke of small blues being taken along Southampton's ocean beaches on tins. Most of these fish range from 2 to 5 pounds and much of the better action occurs in the early morning hours or in the late evenings.

From **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** Al Colban reported a 7 pound striper as well as a short taken this past Monday morning at Robert Moses Field 2 by Ira Mardar. Ira used an Ava jig and Red Gill teaser combo.

Bobby Sprenger, speaking from **Captree Bait and Tackle** told of weighing a pair of big blues taken from Fire Island Inlet on Sunday. Joe Condia, Jr. of North Babylon clicked with a 16.4 pound chopper while Scott Leonard also of North Babylon nailed a 14 pound blue.

Over at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh**, Mike Nicoletti said that casters using Rebels, Red Fins and Hellcats in conjunction with Red Gill or feather teasers have been steadily picking away at small bass, mostly shorts, along with blues in the 2 to 4 pound class at West End 2. Action is in the early morning hours on the jetty and along the beach to the east. On the inlet side, a slow pick of big blues being taken on cut bunker. One caster weighed a 15.5 pounder taken Saturday night.

A couple of nice weaks taken at Shagwong and Jones this past week according to Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk**. Also a few small school bass continue to occupy casters throwing plugs on Jones Reef. Bombers and needlefish accounting for shorts-12 pound stripers. Along the south side's sand beaches, small blues from 2 to 4 pounds have been in and out with no consistent pattern to the fishing. Hither Hills is probably a good a bet as any according to the tackle man.

Up on the north shore, George

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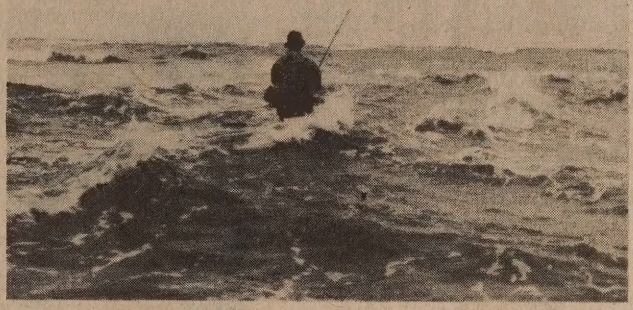

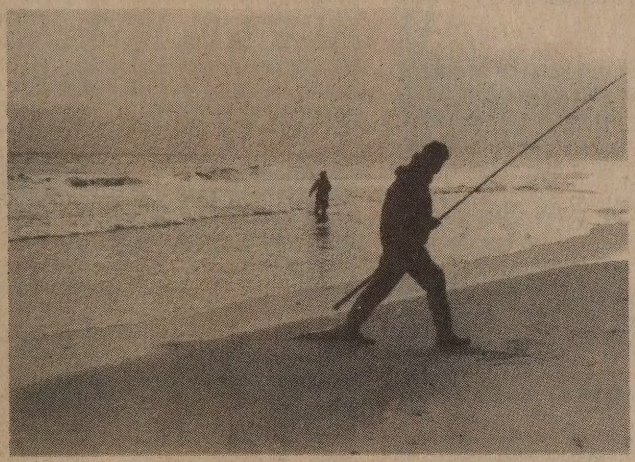

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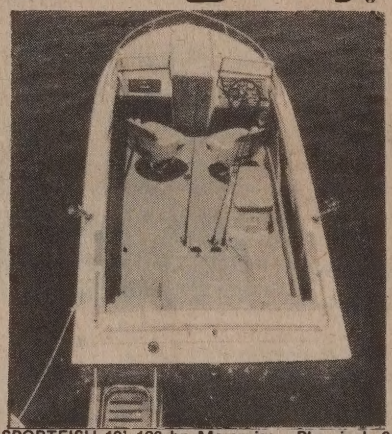

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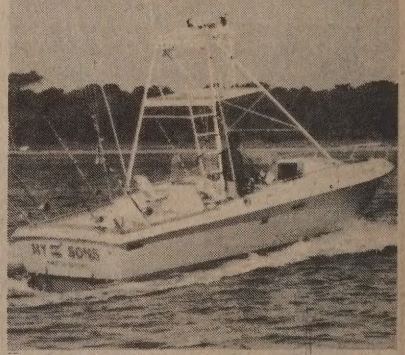

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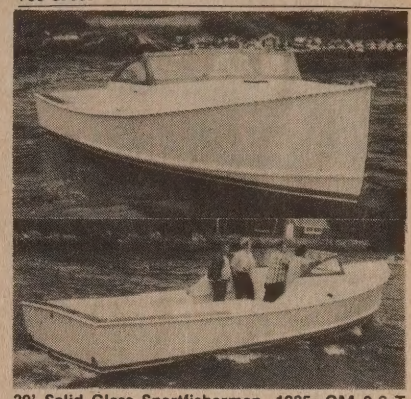

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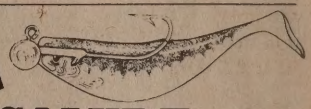

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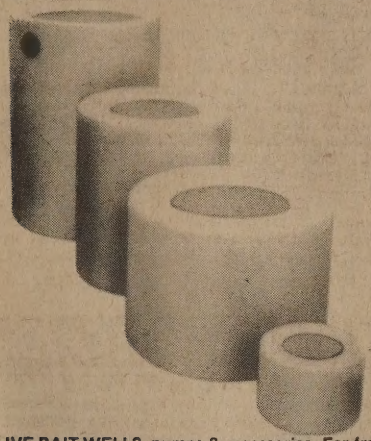

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Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

With a little snap in the air this past week and slightly cooler temperatures, the freshwater scene showed signs of coming back to life. Bass, pickerel, catfish, and panfishing all improved over the last three weeks and even trout seemed slightly stirred by the break in the weather. The best action of the year is just around the corner.

Charlie Beckman of **Beckman's Bait and Tackle** in **Lynbrook**, told us this week that bass fishing seemed to pick up a little bit. Tom Meyer of Oceanside took advantage of a cool Wednesday evening to throw a Dolphin Spinner at Hempstead Lake where he was rewarded by a hungry 2.2 pound largemouth.

At **Causeway Bait and Tackle Shop** in **Wantagh**, Mike Nicoletti reported that catfishing is red hot in Northern Twin Lake. One angler had 23 fish there on worms Thursday evening. Bass fishing is also much improved in the Twin Lakes as evidenced by shop regular Peter R. who nailed four keepers on killies. The kids have been taking plenty of panfish in the southern lake.

From Fred Laager at **Edelman's Sportsman's Center** in **Farmingdale**, the word is that the local fishing is still a little on the slow side. Fred, however, took a ride upstate to fish the Susquehana River. Along on the trip were his father Cres and nephew Mathew. Together, they accounted for twenty smallmouths up to 4.25 pounds. Heddon Tiny Torpedos were the hot item. Fred did some work with the long wand and used a black and yellow, bumble bee popper to entice a four pounder.

In the stretch of Carl's River near Rt. 231, Joe Lobrano and friends have consistently taken carp to twenty pounds and a few largemouth bass. This according to Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle Shop** who added that Joe uses four pound test line. Also, small trout are hitting live killies at the back of Southards Pond.

Over at **Lake Ronkonkoma**, Fred Kruse of **Pine Grove Outfitters** called the bassing slow. The only action to be had is very early or late in the day. Panfishing has been good and a few bullheads are being taken on worm baits. We still need a few more cool evenings to get those bass going.

Just an average week on the Nissequogue River according to Mike Venuti of Caleb Smith State Park. Largest fish of the week was a 19" rainbow trout. Most of the fish taken were of a decent size. The water is still a little warm, 72 degrees.

From **J&R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, we here that Charles Van Dyke hit two 16" brookies in Connetquot River on pink streamers. Charles Troiano also fished the river this week where he took a 17" rainbow on a Laytex Pupa.

Paul Graniello of **J&J Bait and Tackle** in **Patchogue**, reports that more people went to the movies than went fishing this week, due mostly to the rainy forecasts. Still, anglers who gave Cannon Lake a shot found the pickerel quite cooperative. Most of the fish were taken on live bait and they ranged up to 20" in length. Crappies to one pound are hitting with regularity in the Mill Pond.

From the **Sportsman's Center** in **Medford**, Al Schreier reports that the weather helped pick up the bass action a little. On Saturday, two visitors from Maryland fished in Southaven Park where they took five bass between 1.5 and 2.75 pounds.

George Devlin of the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**, reports that fishing has been real good but few anglers have come out to take advantage of it. Panfishing has been especially hot with anglers taking as many as 40 big bluegills a trip. Saturday saw Paul Schwank of Center Moriches catch eight bass and a pickerel on poppers and crankbaits in Peconic River. On Sunday, Len Baum of Merrick used Rebels to score with three bass and a white perch.

From **Rochester**, **New York**, Bill Johnson of **Odessey Charters** reports solid action with king salmon in the 20-30 pound class. The fish are stacked up in 54-62 degree water and a few steelheads are mixed in with them. Blue flashers with blue squids, trolled behind J plugs, have been the hot setup.

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